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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re SAC Letter 60-5 (c) dated 1/26/60 entitled  
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On 7/18/60

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[redacted] (protect  
identity - request) advised that during a conversation with  
Dr. W. P. SHOFSTALL, Dean of Students, Arizona State Univer-  
sity, the latter advised that he had been in attendance at  
a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH CLUB in Phoenix, Arizona, on  
7/16/60. The meeting was at the home of ROBERT L. ENGLER,  
an insurance agent in Phoenix. The following were in  
attendance:

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT L. ENGLER

Mr. and Mrs. DON FANCHER

Mr. and Mrs. WARREN MC ARTHUR, JR.

Dean and Mrs. W. P. SHOFSTALL.

The meeting consisted of the playing of several  
tape recordings. One was a talk by a Major MEYER who had  
interviewed several of the "turncoats" from China, i.e.,  
those soldiers of the U. S. Army who were prisoners of war  
in China and remained there after being allowed to return  
to the U. S. but later changed their minds and returned to  
the U. S. Another tape recording portended to give some of  
the plans of the Communist Party and how they intended to  
take over various countries. The narrator of this tape was  
some former member of the Communist Party.

According to SHUMAN, Mrs. ENGLER is the daughter  
of an airlines official and has traveled all over the world.

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WARREN MC ARTHUR, a student at Arizona State University, is a crusader-type individual and one who is opposed to radicals.

Dean and Mrs. SHOFSTALL are opposed to communism and at the present time Dean SHOFSTALL is actively engaged in trying to combat communism, especially at Arizona State University.

The 1960 Phoenix City Directory reflects that ROBERT L. ENGLER, wife RUTH A. ENGLER, resides at 3417 East Cambridge, Phoenix, Arizona, and operates the Robert L. Engler Insurance Agency, 1501 North Seventh Street, Phoenix.

The indices of the Phoenix Office contain no identifiable references on DON or DOROTHEA FANCHER, MARY HOBBS MC ARTHUR, or ROBERT L. and RUTH A. ENGLER.

On 6/27/60 WARREN MC ARTHUR, JR. came to the Phoenix Office and furnished some information concerning a lecturer at the Arizona State University summer session which he felt might be favoring the communists in his lecture and film about Red China. MC ARTHUR, who is presently an engineering student at Arizona State University, also furnished other information on persons who may be liberal and tend toward communism and he stated that he had invited Dean SHOFSTALL to attend a meeting of a JOHN BIRCH CLUB of which MC ARTHUR was a member. MC ARTHUR pointed out that Dean SHOFSTALL was opposed to communism. From information furnished by MC ARTHUR, it appears he is the son of WARREN MC ARTHUR who was mentioned in the Bureau's REYMUR investigation.

The indices do contain a number of references to Dean and Mrs. SHOFSTALL. Some are where the Dean has been the source of information furnished to the FBI. (In one instance [redacted] reported that HAVEN PERKINS, St. Louis, Missouri, who was in Phoenix as a representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, contacted Dean SHOFSTALL in June, 1955, in an effort to interest him in the SOBELL case, but came away dismayed when SHOFSTALL put communism and fascism in the same category.) (X)

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According to the 4/15/60 issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circulation in Phoenix, Arizona, FRANK BROPHY, former president of the Bank of Douglas, Phoenix, reported that JOHN BIRCH CLUBS were planned for Arizona. The paper reported that "John Birch Clubs are dedicated to fighting domestic and international communism". This article also reported that ROBERT WELCH of Massachusetts, founder of the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS, would also be in Phoenix and would address a meeting of Arizonans for America on 4/23/60. BROPHY was stated to be a leading member of the Arizonans for America.

To date there has been no report that any subversive elements are attempting to take over the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS. A number of persons have called recently to inquire whether the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS are actually subversive or whether they are on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. FRANK CULLEN BROPHY is rather widely read on communism and has spoken out against communism on many occasions in speeches.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the activities of the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS in the Phoenix area. No investigation, however, will be conducted.

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**I** am not a member of the John Birch Society.

I have simply observed an avalanche of blistering propaganda which has totally confused millions of Americans.

Even a personal check among neighbors and friends will reveal that a vast quantity of well-educated, rational, religious people count it a shining virtue to hate the John Birch Society. Yet they admit knowing practically nothing about it.

The strange thing about the John Birch Society is that practically nobody paid any attention to it until the Communist Party officially ordered its annihilation.

Immediately the withering blast of scathing denunciation began pouring down upon this organization. And it came from all directions. For one solid year the press, radio and TV saturated the American mind with a continuous attack on the "terrible Birchers."

It seems to me the history of this attack contains a terribly sobering lesson for the American people.

### **How It All Began**

I first heard of the John Birch Society in 1958.

Several prominent businessmen in Los Angeles told me they were organizing a study group program to see if they could work more closely with the members of Congress through both political

parties. They said they believed Americans should study legislation while it was up before Congress and not wait until it had been passed into law before they began complaining about it.

They told me these study groups were going to be set up all over the country and that each would be called a "chapter" of the John Birch Society.

These friends were doctors, lawyers, businessmen, dentists and very substantial people in their community.

I began paying attention to the literature and personalities of this organization to see what kind of group it might turn out to be.

It was not difficult to find out about the John Birch Society.

The organization published a "Blue Book" which described its purposes and the identity of its leadership. Members of its Council included many nationally prominent people, some of whom I knew personally.

The Blue Book was written by the founder and head of the John Birch Society, Robert Welch. Until his retirement in 1957, Mr. Welch was vice president in charge of sales and advertising for a large candy manufacturing firm. He had served on the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, had traveled around the world extensively and had spent several years specializing in a study of Communism and Socialism. He had attended the Naval Academy and two universities—University of North Carolina and Harvard. He had published three books and served as editor and publisher of *American Opinion*, a monthly magazine designed to evaluate current events in terms of the world-wide struggle for power by the Communist-Socialist coalition.

I was told by officials of the John Birch Society that Mr. Welch was paid no salary by them even though he worked an 18-hour day.

### **A Secret Society?**

I found that chapters of the John Birch Society were being built in each city around people who had already been studying Commu-

nism. These individuals then invited into the chapter the people who were interested in staying informed. They pledged themselves to work through their respective political parties to stop the advance of Communism and Socialism in the United States.

They seemed neither secret nor exclusive. In fact, I noted they were scouring the country for workers. One of their coordinators told me, "We are looking for all the people who are ready to do something besides just talk."

By the summer of 1960, the Society had attracted the attention of other conservative groups. A few were critical because they said the Birch people had rallied together most of the best informed and hardest working patriots in many cities. I observed, however, that members of the Society did not restrict their support to John Birch groups but seemed anxious to help other conservative movements succeed.

The first trickle of open publicity came from an article by Jack Mabley with the Chicago American. He wrote a column on July 26, 1960, in which he attacked Robert Welch and the John Birch movement. However, I did not see any further public criticism of the group until the Communist Party ordered the annihilation of the John Birchers six months later.

### **The John Birchers Take On The Communist Party**

It is my personal opinion that the real cause of the wrath against the John Birch Society originated with a series of events in the Fall of 1960.

The Birchers learned that the Communist Party was working for the passage of a certain bill which was to be introduced as soon as Congress convened in January, 1961. This bill was designed to take away the funds of the House Committee on Un-American Activities so that it could not investigate the Communist Party. For many years the destruction of this particular committee had been a major project of Communists in this country. But since they had always failed in the

past they thought this compromise measure of taking most of the funds away from the committee would be a good stopgap measure. And for awhile it looked as though they might succeed.

Then the John Birch Society and other conservative groups began an all-out campaign to work through both parties to kill this bill. All through the Christmas vacation they continued the campaign. The success of these efforts became apparent when the bill came up for vote. Democrats and Republicans combined and beat the bill by a vote of 412 to 6. It was an overwhelming defeat for a favorite project of the Communist Party, USA.

Whether the John Birchers deserved all the credit for what happened is not so important, but the Communist Party gave them all the blame. I heard from friends who were close to the inner workings of the Communist Party that the Party bosses had sent out the word: "The John Birchers have got to go!"

### **Moscow Orders an Attack on All Anti-Communists**

Right at the time the John Birchers were trying to defeat this Communist-supported bill, a manifesto came out of Moscow from the conference of the 81 Communist parties of the world ordering a "resolute struggle against anti-Communism."

Edward Hunter analyzed this new directive for Congress and testified as follows:

*"For the first time, the world Communist network, in a basic policy and operational document, specifically referred to the anti-Communist movement in the United States, recognizing that it had reached proportions large enough to constitute a main—if not the main—danger to Communist progress in our country. . . ." (The New Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program, Senate Judiciary Committee Report, July 11, 1961, p. 10)*

The Moscow manifesto against anti-Communism came out in December, 1960, and one month later Nikita Khrushchev gave an im-



portant policy speech officially ordering all Communists to "resolutely unmask this anti-scientific and purely false ideology" of anti-Communism. He said:

*"Bourgeois propaganda is assuming an increasingly cunning nature. Its main weapon in the struggle against the Socialist camp and the Communist Parties is anti-communism."* (Analysis of the Khrushchev Speech of January 6, 1961, Senate Judiciary Committee Report, June 16, 1961, p. 74)

A short time later the opening blast against all anti-Communists in the United States was initiated by a concentrated attack on the John Birch Society.

### **Attack on the John Birch Society Begins**

Because the Birch Society was practically unknown to the general American public I wondered how the Communist Party would launch its campaign. I had no idea that the legitimate American press would fall for the line which the Communists were about to broadcast.

On February 25, 1961, the official Communist newspaper on the West Coast called the *Daily People's World*, fired the opening broadside. The article was entitled, "ENTER (from Stage Right) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY."

The article depicted the John Birchers as a secret, Fascist society and said that it was setting up "cells" all across the country.

Of course, the *People's World* has a very limited distribution which would do little damage, but the thing which astonished me was the rapidity with which the transmission belt began to function so that this story was planted in one major news medium after another until finally even some of the more conservative papers had taken up the hue and cry.

In fact, the very next week *Time* magazine came out with a long article similar in many ways to the one in the *People's World*. As soon

as I read the first paragraph I knew the John Birch Society was in for a real professional tar-brush treatment:

*"Among the U.S. brotherhoods dedicated to the fight against Communism, nothing is quite like the John Birch Society. Except for an elite corps of leaders, its members shun personal publicity and their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy. Its cells, of 20 to 30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name. Carefully avoiding normal channels of political action, the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man who sees democracy as a "perennial fraud" and estimates that the U.S. is 40-60% Communist controlled. In other times, other places, the John Birch 'Americanists'—as they call themselves—might seem a tiresome, comic opera joke. But already the society admits to cells in 35 states, and its partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U.S. communities." (Time magazine, postdated March 10, 1961, pp. 21-22)*

It was immediately apparent even to an outsider that this article was no ordinary piece of reporting. Why did it call the chapters of the John Birch Society "cells" just like the article in the *People's World*? Why did it charge that the Birchers avoided "normal channels of political action" when their greatest success had been achieved by working with Congressmen in both parties? Why the non-specific charge that the Birchers promote "Communist-style front organizations"? What front organizations? I had heard of none. Why jerk a statement of Robert Welch completely out of context to make it look like he was against "democracy" when he was simply explaining that mass action without direction was never effective? And why the charge of "secrecy"? I knew that chapter meetings were neither secret nor closed. In fact, to disprove this charge 197 chapters in Southern California published their addresses in a Los Angeles newspaper. And

finally, why should the activities of the John Birch societies be described as "unsettling" when their only objective was to resist Communism and educate the public in preserving constitutional principles?

No organization is above criticism on some scores, but why would one of the foremost American news magazines resort to fictions and distortions within a week after similar fictions and distortions appeared in an official Communist periodical?

### **Feeding the Flame**

The *Time* magazine article was further dignified on March 8, 1961, when Senator Milton Young of North Dakota had it appear in the Congressional Record. As other periodicals aimed their printer's ink at the John Birchers, Senator Young included their contributions in the Congressional Record also. This soon added up to a total of 17 full pages.

I noticed that a whole roster of favorite Communist smear terms began to find expression in the legitimate American press. These included: Fascists, Extremists, Super-patriots, Super-nationalists, Rightists, Extreme Rightists, Self-appointed Guardians of Freedom, Lunatic Fringe, Ultra-rightists, Patriotic Fanatics, etc.

In spite of these colorful epithets, however, some Americans began demanding concrete facts to back up these charges. They began asking what it was specifically that was so terrible about the John Birchers. Were they advocating force and violence like the Communists? Were they training a secret militia? Did they resort to bomb-plots or other kinds of terrorism? It was always a little disconcerting to the anti-Birchers when people did a little checking as I had done and discovered that the Society was primarily a study group program with a strong bias in favor of traditional American Constitutionalism.

Then the attack shifted its aim away from the Society itself and concentrated almost entirely on Robert Welch. The critics went back to some statements Welch had made around the time the Eisenhower Administration was backing Castro as "the George Washington of

Cuba." Mr. Welch insisted that the Communist record of Castro was so well known that the President and Secretary of State could not possibly support him without realizing that this would play right into the hands of the Communist leaders. He predicted that since Castro had been a member of the Soviet apparatus for many years he would betray the Cuban people and turn them over to the Soviet Union.

He was equally critical of other decisions by President Eisenhower and his aides which had allowed unnecessary Communist gains. In a private communication to several of his friends he expressed the opinion that some of the national leaders were involved in outright Communist duplicity.

All of this occurred prior to the time the John Birch Society was organized and such opinions were therefore never part of the Society's policies or principles. Nevertheless, the critics of the John Birch Society continued to quote them as though they were typical of all John Birch members.

### **The John Birch Society is Investigated**

As the momentum of the attack on the John Birch Society increased, Congressmen began to take sides. As some Congressmen roasted the Society for being all that *Time* magazine said it was, other Congressmen rose to announce that they were members of the John Birch Society and that these charges were vindictive, malicious and false.

In the midst of the hassell, Robert Welch suggested that a good way to settle the matter would be to have a Congressional investigation. Let the people who were making the charges come in under oath and tell their story. Mr. Welch said he would welcome an investigation and would answer under oath any question the members of Congress might wish to put to him.

But the critics of the Society backed away. They went ahead criticizing but scrupulously avoided the possibility of a Congressional investigation.

To remedy the situation, the president of a manufacturing firm in Anaheim, California, decided to hire a professional research bureau to conduct an investigation. The report of this investigation appeared in the Congressional Record under date of June 14, 1962, as an extension of the remarks of Congressman John H. Rousselot. The report stated that a five-man team which included a Negro clergyman, conducted the investigation. It came to 14 conclusions which are quoted as follows:

- 1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.*
- 2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.*
- 3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.*
- 4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the Society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.*
- 5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.*
- 6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.*
- 7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.*
- 8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised en-*

tirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

**9.** Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

**10.** Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

**11.** Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

**12.** Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

**13.** The Society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

**14.** Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

### **Conclusion**

Everything I have personally observed about the John Birch Society would confirm the conclusions reached by this investigative team.

My concluding thought would be this:

I would have no quarrel with anyone who wished to disagree with some idea promulgated by the John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of an international Communist conspiracy which has

more political crimes and atrocities to its credit than any other in history.

And even more important, no American should allow himself to become involved in the debasing and ridiculing of another group of Americans about which he knows little or nothing.

The one thing the Communists cannot stand is an informed and alert America. Unless their work can be done secretly and subversively, it will be recognized for what it is and smothered abruptly. Therefore, as a former member of the Communist Party National Committee once told me, "The Communist leaders look upon the stamping out of the John Birch Society as a matter of life and death for the Party."

In the light of the time in which we live, I think any patriotic citizens' organization should accept such a statement as quite a compliment.

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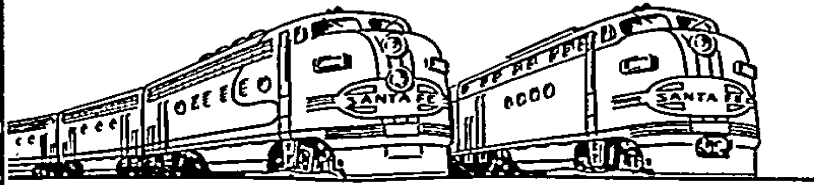
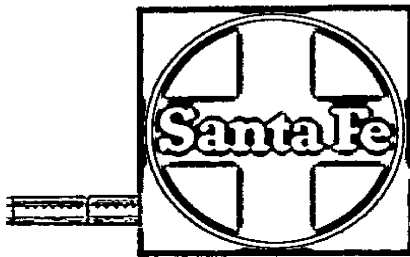
to attend an introduction to The John Birch Society  
at 351 W. Montebello time 7:30 pm  
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The presentation will be conducted by a member of the  
Society and the purposes and goals of the Society  
will be explained in full.

Following the presentation, questions will be  
answered.

This invitation will be honored only for  
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Mrs W. E. Rifley  
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Phoenix, Ariz

Dear Mrs Rifley,

Our name was given me as being  
a good Conservative so I wonder if you would  
like to attend a Presentation of the John Birch  
Society which is working so hard to preserve  
Constitutional government. We are having a motion  
picture in our home next Saturday night and would be  
happy to have you attend.

The enclosed invitation gives details. Should you  
have someone else who would like to come, do feel  
free to bring such a guest.

Cordially,

Mary Larkin

(Mrs J. Walter Larkin)

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# The John Birch Society

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CAPTAIN JOHN BIRCH  
U.S. ARMY

# JOHN BIRCH

## WHAT HE LIVED FOR

*"A young man  
came to the plains of China  
from far-away America.*

*He came  
to teach Chinese people  
of the Christian way of life."*

John Birch, was his name - 22 years old - a Baptist missionary - caught in the midst of the war with Japan. His career interrupted, on July 4, 1942, he joined General Chennault's American Volunteer group. He lived and worked and fought with the Chinese Army, gaining their respect - preaching Christianity where he could. Walking hundreds of miles through enemy lines, he became the eyes and ears of America's 14th Air Force. Speaking Chinese and disguised often as a coolie, he became a legend in his own time. "Where brave men were common, John was the bravest man I knew," said a comrade in arms.

General Charles B. Stone was more specific, "... Birch, over a period of two years, during which he was almost continually in the field, living under the most primitive conditions and constantly in close proximity to the enemy, achieved phenomenal success."

General Chennault expressed the love and admiration of all who knew him, "I have always felt towards him as a father might feel towards a son."



*John Birch taught Chinese children at Hangchow, conducted services with Chinese ministers.*



*Captain Birch while in sight of targets directed air strikes against the Japanese by radio.*



*Captain Birch receiving the Legion of Merit from General Chennault.*

*Burial of Captain Birch, with full military honors, on a hillside on the outskirts of Hsuehchow.*



## WHAT HE DIED FOR

During the long war Captain Birch never lost sight of his spiritual goal. On August 13, 1945, he wrote in the last letter of his life, "Yesterday, Sunday morning, I held a service especially thanking God for bringing us to the eve of victory . . . Father, do not worry about my 'turning back in the furrow.' As it pleases God to use my voice for preaching His Gospel, I expect to be doing that."

Twelve days later John lay dead in a ditch near the town of Hsuehchow—shot and cruelly bayoneted by "our Chinese Communist allies." His death was known and mourned all over China, for he had become a symbol of Christianity, of true brotherhood and humility, and of the goodness and strength of America. The cruel murder of Captain Birch was a grim warning by the Red Chinese to all who would oppose their 20th century barbarism.

On November 16, 1945, Adeline Gray, who was herself a newspaper woman as well as former instructor at Nankai, wrote John's parents that "Had not the truth been suppressed, Captain Birch's death would have headlined every newspaper in the United States." But the news reached America only through private sources.

The fact that Communism's powerful friends in Washington could hide the truth of his death was a minor evidence of the domination of foreign policy which could smother in the same year the on-the-spot report by Patrick Hurley (our Ambassador to China) of China's betrayal; could completely suppress the official China report of General Wedemeyer; could stop the flow of all military supplies to Chiang Kai-shek, and with raw gall broadcast that Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers and truly democratic. Senator William F. Knowland stated that if the story of John Birch could have been known and understood, it could have made a huge difference in our attitude and the circumstances that led to our engagement in Korea.

It is a testimony to the active Christian faith which John Birch preached that his story is today known and that the symbol of his life, which the Communists tried to stamp out, now guides the society that bears his name.

*"He died at the hands  
of the Red Chinese  
— first victim  
in a long, long war."*



# WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

Recently a young woman was knifed to death on the streets of New York. The assailant made three separate attacks spaced over a period of thirty minutes. The killing was clearly witnessed by thirty-eight people from the safety of their homes. Anyone of them could have saved her by simply calling the police . . . but no one did. When questioned by the police they answered, "I didn't want to get involved." Some watched with curiosity as Katherine Genovese pleaded for her life. Others found the scene frightening and pulled down the curtain.

Is there a moral breakdown in our country today? Have we become so callous that we do not care if another being lives or dies?

How are we reacting to the realities of our world? What do we think of the steady gain of Communism - of the millions killed, tortured and enslaved by this criminal conspiracy? Do we still laugh at Khrushchev's claim that our children will live under Communism? Do we shrug off Cuba? Will we shrug off Mexico? Are we concerned about the certain, documented, real influence Communism exercises in Washington? Do we watch with curiosity? Do we pull down the curtain on these disturbing thoughts? Do we draw the warm covers of apathy around our necks?

The goals of The John Birch Society may be summarized as: less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world. The immediate purpose of the Society is to play a leading role in stopping and routing the international Communist conspiracy.

Under Lenin the Communists adopted a three-step strategy for conquest of the world. They have not departed from it since. The plan can be paraphrased as follows:

1. *Take Eastern Europe.* Except for Greece and the city of Istanbul, this was completed by 1950.
2. *Gain control of the mass and masses of Asia.* Today this is more than 80% accomplished.
3. *Encirclement and infiltration of the United States.* Now more than 50% accomplished.

The Communist program requires the breakdown of existing governments, destruction of law and order, and the creation of chaos. Riots are one tool of Communist take-over. Assassination is another. Communists glorify violence . . . it is their most persuasive weapon, and the American people are seeing it at work now in our own country.

Communists work for the gradual but complete destruction of the three great human loyalties - to God, to family and to country. Today you are seeing widespread and tragic results of the insidious forces at work to that end. For the Communists simply cannot permit any lasting loyalty except to themselves.

The John Birch Society realizes that Communism will not be stopped by a half-hearted or left-handed effort. For this reason its members are dedicated and completely committed. They demand of themselves more sacrifice and more work than they have ever put into any organization. This, combined with a unity of purpose and a common understanding that Communism is completely counter to the "upward reach" in man - the realization of man created in God's image - gives The John Birch Society its strength and ever increasing influence.

Members of The John Birch Society realize the grim truth that all of us are involved whether we like it or not. The Communists leave us no choice.

# WE ARE INVOLVED





Robert Welch, Founder of The John Birch Society

## HE HAS STIRRED THE SLUMBERING SPIRIT

The Founder of The John Birch Society is Robert Welch. In the candy manufacturing business all his adult life, he served as a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. An author, philosopher and historian, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities in 1957 to devote practically all of his time and energy to the study of communism. He formed the first working chapters of The John Birch Society in 1959 and serves today as its leader without pay.

Mr. Welch has stated in *The Blue Book*, "It is my fervent hope that The John Birch Society will last for hundreds of years, and exert an increasing influence for the temporal good and the spiritual ennoblement of mankind throughout those centuries."

Mr. Welch's writings have created widespread comment — some critical. Few were ready to believe him when he warned of the impending Communist take-overs by Castro in Cuba, Ben Bella in Algeria, and Sukarno in Indonesia. But with events proving him correct again and again, his writings are now closely scrutinized by all serious students of anti-Communism.

"There is no question," as *National Review* pointed out, "that he has stirred the slumbering spirit of patriotism in thousands of Americans, roused them from lethargy, and changed their apathy into a deep desire to first learn the facts about communism and then implement that knowledge with effective and responsible action."

Mr. Welch with his wife, Marian.



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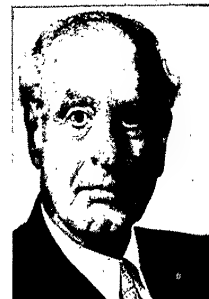
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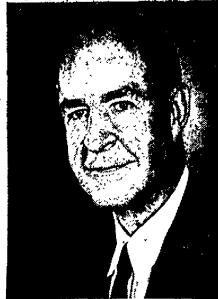
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The organization of the Society is simple. A Local Chapter, which has between 10 and 20 members, is led by a Chapter Leader. Usually a Chapter is formed by someone in the neighborhood who is concerned about Communism, and who invites his friends to join with him to hold an introductory meeting. A full time Coordinator gives assistance and direction to the Chapters.



Former Congressman John H. Rousselot (right) is National Director of Public Relations for the Society and Publisher of American Opinion Magazine. He is shown with (L to R) Willard S. Voit, American Opinion Libraries Representative, and Donald Harper, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Rousselot.



A meeting of California Major Coordinator D. Richard Pine and Coordinators



This supplement appeared originally in Los Angeles; therefore, emphasis is primarily on California activities and personnel.

# WELCOME!

*Anyone sincerely seeking information about the Society is welcome at a Chapter meeting. Meetings are held once a month, usually in a member's home.*



"Although it has been made unmistakably clear many times in the publications of The John Birch Society, it is well to note again that no member is ever obliged to carry out any action or project the fulfillment of which would be contrary to his conscience."

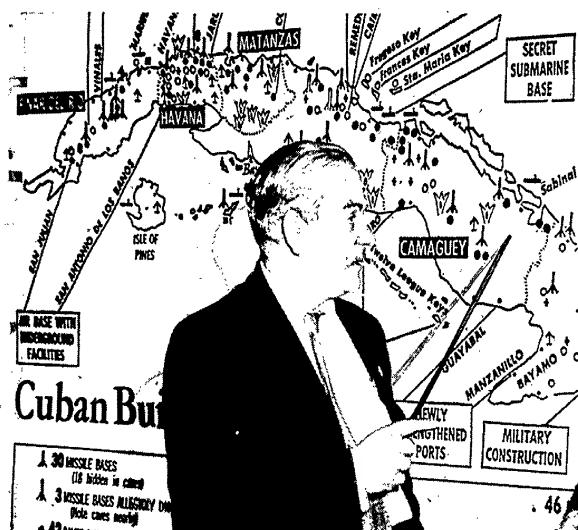
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## ACTION PROGRAMS

The impact of the Society's action programs is due to the fact that the members are well informed and act in unison. The effectiveness of each individual member is multiplied many thousand times by this concerted effort.



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The American Opinion Speakers' Bureau provides speakers for small and large audiences all over the United States. Here Jose Norman, a Cuban exile, speaks on Cuba.



Circulation of petitions on important action such as the impeachment of Earl Warren\*

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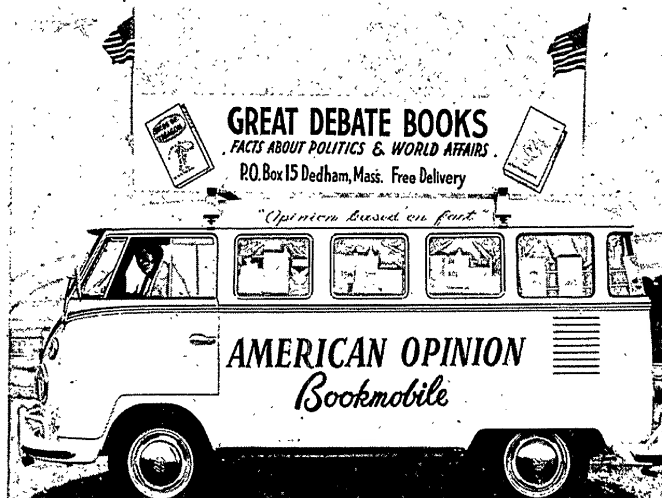


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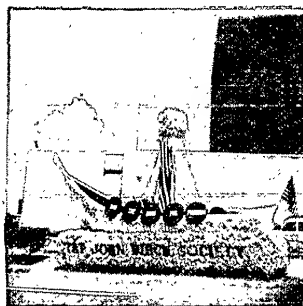


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# THE COMMUNIST ATTACK



In the fall of 1960 The John Birch Society learned that the Communist Party, U.S.A. was working for the passage of a bill that would take away funds of the House Committee on Un-American Activities so it could not investigate the Communist Party. For a while it appeared they might succeed. Then the Society (and other patriotic groups) began an all-out campaign to defeat this bill. The result was an overwhelming defeat for the Communists in the House of Representatives in 1961, — 412 to 6.

This was perhaps the first tangible evidence of the effective strength of the newly formed John Birch Society, and the Communists decided it must be destroyed. A directive for the destruction of such anti-Communist groups went out from Moscow on December 6, 1960.

The opening official attack against the Society came on February 25, 1961, in *People's World*, an official Communist newspaper published in San Francisco, California. It said there was a new, secret, fascist group which was setting up "cells" all over the United States. The succeeding Communist attacks pulled all the stops out, charging the Society with everything that was evil — hate group, racist, anti-Semitic, Hitlerite, terrorist, ad infinitum. Much of the press picked up the chant, spreading the falsehoods across the nation in a few short weeks.

The intensity and virulent nature of the attacks confused many good people. Some were thoroughly brain-washed. The Communists had used certain trigger words and many Americans reacted in Pavlovian fashion; "hate peddler," "radical," and "extremist" were parroted by people who began to dislike the Society without knowing anything about it.

To disprove the charges leveled against The John Birch Society, Robert Welch requested a thorough investigation be made by an official government body.

## Enter (from stage right) the John Birch Society

LOS ANGELES — Suburban newspaper columnist have been devoting uneasy attention recently to an organization known as the John Birch Society, apparently a well-heeled outfit spawned by the Cold War.

The society's founder is Robert Welch, 71, a retired Boston, Mass., candy manufacturer, who set up the organization Dec. 8, 1958, at Indianapolis, Ind. Neither the date or place seem to be of significance but the society's "cell" method of organizing and the role of its founder seem to have aroused misgivings.

Welch, who is described as the absolute boss of the society, was born in North Carolina, finished the university there, spent two years at Annapolis and another two at Harvard. He's lived in Boston since 1919.

AND HEALTHY

Welch seems to have taken fright at some of the liberal decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court and his "cells" were commanded to wield pens in a letter writing campaign calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Welch also tackled the Eisenhower menace to free enterprise. He thinks Milton

Raid Bill Sumner, in The Pasadena Independent:

"Locally, and in this area, the Society seems to be attracting men and women of some substance. It would not pay to dismiss them as a group of fanatics and crackpots worthy only of a passing snort."

Besides Pasadena, the society has picked up recruits in Santa Barbara. Significantly, both communities are dominated

by the retired-well-to-do.

On Welch's council are such veteran enemies of democratic rights as Dean Clarence Mason, T. Coleman Andrews, former income tax collector; Spruille Braden, former Latin American "expert" of the U.S. State Department, and Adolph Menjou, unsavory relic of the House Un-American's raid on Hollywood.

Recruiting is done at house meetings by means of a 4 hour

movie on which Welch appears alone and explains why there must be complete obedience to the leader. That, he says, will keep out Communists and others who might create dissent.

Each cell has its director who in turn consults with a district director monthly who transmits orders from above. Directives also approved in the monthly John Birch Bulletin, edited by Welch.

Letter writing in public officials and to newspapers has been the main activity of the Society but lately its attention has been turned to the P.T.A., which Welch feels is too much to the left.

The society is named for John Birch, a U. S. Army captain who is supposed to have died in China 10 days after VJ day. Welch blames his death on "Chinese Communists."



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W Labor Department

Organized labor has decided to call a series of regional conferences to dramatize the issue of unemployment, and to rally public support for labor's program to cope with it.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting in Miami approved a proposal of the United Auto Workers for such conferences. As envisioned by the UAW, the regional gatherings would lay the "groundwork for a national 'Get-Americans-Back-to-Work!' conference in Washington.

As significant as the proposed action is the thinking behind it. Three principal lines of thought have become evident in labor efforts:

• President Kennedy's economic program, although constructive in the main, is far from adequate to cope with existing unemployment.

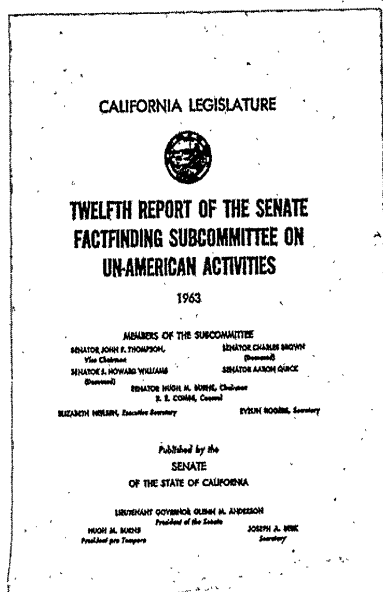
• GOP-independent resistance in Congress to the Administration's program is best broken not by rubber-stamping the program, but by pointing up labor's conviction that it falls short of the mark.

• Independent labor action is necessary if any constructive legislative measures are to be secured.

OPINION SAMPLED

A. H. Rankin, New York Times labor expert, who sampled opinions at the AFL-CIO Executive Council session

# THE CALIFORNIA SENATE INVESTIGATION



## Additional Note:

The Senate report also covers Mr. Welch's widely criticized statements concerning the Truman and Eisenhower administrations. The statements were contained in lengthy letters in which Mr. Welch queried his friends as to the reasons for the rise of Soviet power in the face of United States supremacy following World War II. These letters, not intended for publication, were written at the time the Eisenhower administration was following some of the liberal positions toward world Communism, examples of which were the failure to remove left wing influences from the State Department, the U.S. moratorium on nuclear testing, and accepting Castro as "the Abraham Lincoln of Cuba."

To answer the critics Mr. Welch expanded, slightly revised the letters, and published them in book form in 1963. In the published book, called *The Politician*, Mr. Welch states that the reader can reasonably conclude that President Eisenhower had been deceived by the Communists.

Although Mr. Welch severely condemns the Truman administration's loss of China and the dismissal of General MacArthur, he is just as critical of President Eisenhower for continuing some of the mistaken policies of his predecessors in regard to Communism. Mr. Welch's concern is understandable.

It is important to note that this book is not literature of The John Birch Society. In fact, at the formation of The John Birch Society on December 9, 1958, the original letters were expressly excluded by its Council.

A thorough investigation of The John Birch Society was conducted by the Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities of the State of California under the chairmanship of Senator Hugh Burns (Dém.). Two years in the making, it was released in June of 1963. Quotations follow:

"The attack against The John Birch Society commenced with an article in the *People's World*, California Communist paper, in February, 1961..."

"Our investigation and study was requested by the Society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

"We find The John Birch Society to be a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. It was conceived, organized, and is dominated by Mr. Robert Welch, who runs the Society with the aid of a National Council and Advisory Committee."

"Communists are trained to obey a directive or a party assignment, whether they agree with it or not. Members of the Society are constantly told *not* to follow any program or directive unless they agree with it, as may be seen in many of the monthly bulletins sent to the members. When the policies and actions of the Society are no longer supported by a member, he may resign and get a proportional rebate of his annual dues."

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"The organization is open to people of all religions, all races..."

"From all sources, we found that there was little more secrecy about the society than any other private organization; indeed, that since there had been so much publicity about this movement, in papers and magazines and general circulation, that it is now probably less secret than the Elks Club, Moose Club, or other private group that accepts members by vote or invitation and does not open its meetings to the general public."



# NATIONAL LEADERS SAY:



J. EDGAR HOOVER, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation*  
"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists."

*This statement made before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947, should not be interpreted as an endorsement of The John Birch Society as the FBI endorses no organization.*



EZRA TAFT BENSON, *United States Secretary of Agriculture, 1953-1960*

"When he (son Reed) joined I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that The John Birch Society was the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism. I also stated that I admire Reed's courage and applauded his decision."

*Address Delivered December 19, 1963, Boise, Idaho*



STROM THURMOND, *United States Senator*

"I'm not a member of The John Birch Society or any of those organizations. I understand they're against Communism, and I'm for any group that's against it (Communism)."

*Greenville News, Greenville, South Carolina, February 2, 1962*



REVEREND J. L. WARD, *Minister, Memphis, Tennessee*

"The John Birch Society is one of the greatest organizations in the world today. It is not subversive. Its concern is with justice for all and the peace and dignity of everyone."

*Statement made August 29, 1964*



W. CLEON SKOUSEN, *Former FBI Agent and Chief of Police, Salt Lake City*

"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea promulgated by The John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy."



## WHY HAVE SO MANY JOINED?

*In the words of the California State Senate report . . .*

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*In the words of a member . . .*

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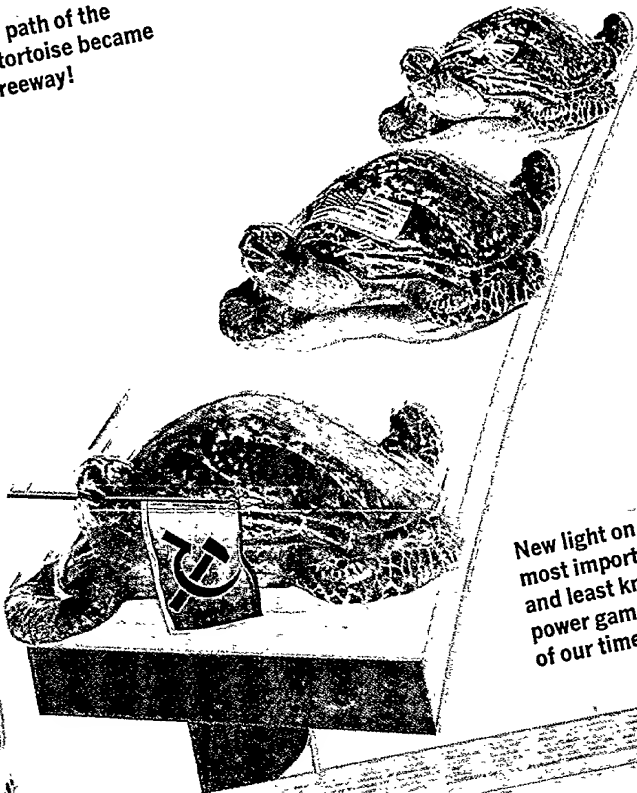
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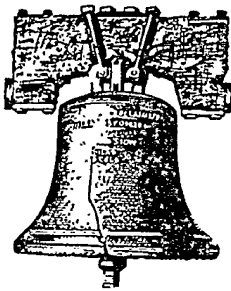
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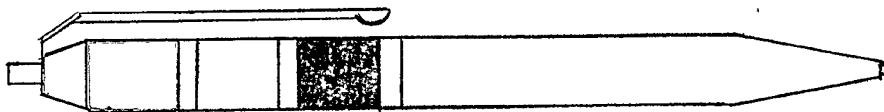
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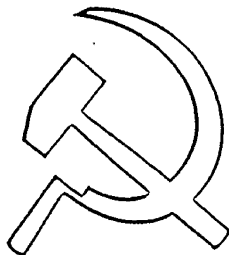
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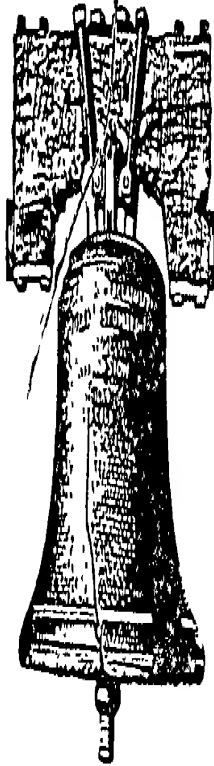
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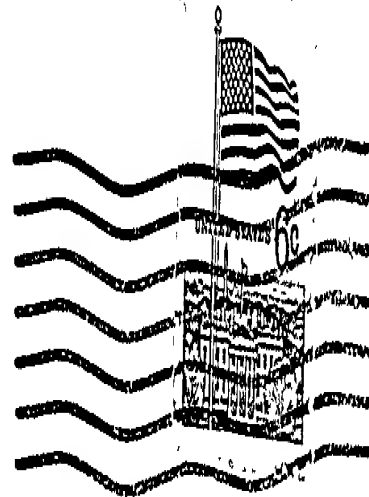


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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES  
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On 6/27/60 WARREN MC ARTHUR, JR., residence 704 West Howe, Tempe, Arizona, and an engineering student at Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona, furnished the following information:

JOHN BIRCH CLUBS

He is presently attending a group of persons in the Phoenix area who have organized a JOHN BIRCH CLUB to fight communism. He stated that ROBERT CHANDLER is the Arizona coordinator for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Phoenix. He resides at 5728 North Tenth Place, Phoenix, and is employed at Goodyear Aircraft, Goodyear, Arizona. Mrs. DOROTHEA FANCHER, Tempe, Arizona, is the leader of the group.

ROBERT COHEN

On 6/21/60 a number of the persons attending the JOHN BIRCH CLUB went to a lecture and film being sponsored by ASU summer school session. The lecturer was ROBERT COHEN who showed his film "Inside Red China" which was represented to be one of the first American-made uncensored

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films to come out of Red China since the communist victory in 1949. He was supposed to be sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company.

During the lecture COHEN stated that he had gone to Moscow, USSR, two years ago to attend a youth festival. COHEN was among 42 persons who were invited to go on to China. The U. S. Embassy, Moscow, refused to return the passports to these persons wanting to go to China unless they signed an agreement to the effect that they would not go to China. COHEN stated that he did not like this and considered it as undemocratic. COHEN compromised with this request in his mind and signed the statement to the effect that he would not go to China. COHEN felt that although he had signed the statement, he could still go since he would merely be breaking a promise and no law. In this way COHEN was able to obtain his passport and then go on to China where he took the pictures he was showing about inside China.

COHEN constantly throughout his talk kept saying how much good COHEN had done in China. COHEN, however, initially stated that he was not an authority on China. His statements, however, followed a pattern in that whenever he would make such a statement, he would then tell a joke and change the subject. He never mentioned anything good about the U. S. The Memorial Union Ballroom where the lecture was given was filled during the lecture and showing of the film, but a number left before and during the question and answer period. Two or three of those present challenged COHEN. One was a Mr. LEWIS, an old-time Arizonan who has been in China. LEWIS became infuriated and challenged COHEN on moral grounds. COHEN stated that perhaps LEWIS would like the microphone. LEWIS, who had started for the door, changed his mind and came back and started to give a number of points about China. Someone shouted that they had not come to hear LEWIS and others clapped. LEWIS left the stand and departed from the Ballroom which was about one-half full. Those remaining applauded COHEN's return. COHEN spoke out that LEWIS had a right to get up and talk and then stated that they "all know him for what he is."

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MC ARTHUR stated that after he had become concerned over a number of events which had occurred at ASU recently and over the way this lecturer presented his material, he went to see [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the conversation they got to talking generally about things and MC ARTHUR mentioned the JOHN BIRCH CLUB that he was attending. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] promised to attend the next meeting.

MC ARTHUR stated he had written to the Board of Regents of ASU - University of Arizona regarding this lecture.

#### LIBRARY SURVEY

MC ARTHUR stated that while at ASU he has engaged in student politics and was elected to the Student Senate at ASU. As a student he noticed a number of things wrong with the way the ASU Library was being run and had heard a number of the professors complain about it. All were afraid to do anything about it in view of the close friendship between the Librarian, HAROLD W. BATCHELOR, and HAROLD D. RICHARDSON, Academic Vice President and now acting President of ASU. MC ARTHUR took it upon himself to circularize ex-faculty members and workers of the ASU Library. He made a study of the situation and submitted a long report to the late GRADY GAMMAGE, President of ASU. As a result the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, was invited to survey the library and sent in two persons, RICHARD HARWELL and EVERETT T. MOORE, to conduct a survey of the ASU Library. The report submitted by them bore out the complaints that had been made and recommended that a Director of Libraries over all the libraries at ASU, which include those in various colleges, be set up. The qualification recommended for this would preclude BATCHELOR from securing this position.

JAMES KIRKPATRICK  
AND  
LIBERAL GROUP

After the publicity about the Library survey and



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MC ARTHUR's part in it broke, JAMES KIRKPATRICK, who lives down the street from MC ARTHUR, came to the MC ARTHUR residence, 704 West Howe, Tempe, Arizona. MC ARTHUR had seen KIRKPATRICK about the campus at ASU. MC ARTHUR's wife, MARY HOBBS MC ARTHUR, was also present. KIRKPATRICK stated that there was a group at ASU of "free thinkers" who sometimes question outmoded ideas. KIRKPATRICK indicated that since MC ARTHUR was somewhat of a liberal thinker, would he, MC ARTHUR, like to join the group. Mrs. MC ARTHUR questioned KIRKPATRICK as to what he meant by liberal. KIRKPATRICK was vague in his answer. Mrs. MC ARTHUR then asked him again. KIRKPATRICK continued to be very vague and "beat around the bush" in answering her but did indicate that he did not mean "radical". When he finally refused to completely explain what he was talking about, Mrs. MC ARTHUR asked him to leave. WARREN MC ARTHUR explained that his wife had been in contact with some communists while working for the American Red Cross in New York, New York, in 1948 and had reported what information she had to the FBI in New York.

The next day MC ARTHUR talked to PETEY OLMSTEAD, who was one of the editors of the "State Press" at ASU, and mentioned that KIRKPATRICK had been to see him. MC ARTHUR mentioned that he was mad and that his wife had almost reported KIRKPATRICK to the FBI. MC ARTHUR pointed out that KIRKPATRICK, together with a number of other individuals, JOHN R. SALTER, JR., EDMUND W. MOORE, ANTHONY SPACHTHOLZ, and JAMES W. WEBB, who had engaged in picketing over the Military Ball and compulsory military training at ASU, hung around the "State Press" office at ASU.

The next day KIRKPATRICK came up to MC ARTHUR and said, "I'll sue you for every penny you have if you go to the FBI and call me a communist." MC ARTHUR talked with KIRKPATRICK about philosophy in general and was able to calm him down and rationalize with him. At this time KIRKPATRICK mentioned that he had been mixed up with the FBI once before but now the matter was all straightened up. Other than seeing KIRKPATRICK about the school, he has never been to the MC ARTHUR residence since except in the late spring of 1960 when he was soliciting signatures on a Democratic Party petition.

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MC ARTHUR stated that he felt that KIRKPATRICK and WEBB were the smartest of the group; that MOORE just dragged along with the rest; that SPACHTHOLZ "can't see behind his nose"; and that SALTER was the worst of all. MC ARTHUR has never had any classes with any of them. He described SALTER as very quiet, soft-spoken, unemotional, and a husky individual.

MC ARTHUR stated that in April, 1960, while this group was picketing in front of the Memorial Union Building (see 100-0-5991), he went up to talk with EDMUND MOORE. KIRKPATRICK and SALTER were nearby and perhaps others. Someone came up (exactly whom he cannot recall) and excitedly said, "Guess who I just saw!", and then mentioned a name. One of the individuals then made some very derogatory remarks about the FBI, the exact nature of which MC ARTHUR was unable to recall.

MC ARTHUR stated that one ROBERTA TAYLOR, who was on the Finance Committee of the Senate at ASU during the year 1959 - 1960, has been very friendly with the group of pickets and hangs around with them.

#### COMMENTS OF DEAN SHOFSTALL

MC ARTHUR stated that in connection with his activities in Student Government at ASU, he has become fairly well acquainted with Dean SHOFSTALL. Many people at ASU have accused SHOFSTALL of setting up his own little empire, but those in Student Government have great respect for the Dean. MC ARTHUR stated that those who don't know Dean SHOFSTALL are against him and make allegations against him. Dean SHOFSTALL, who is married to a woman who was born in Germany, has been somewhat of a crusader against liquor and has stood by the students in general. One of those who has been against SHOFSTALL has been ARNOLD TILDEN, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. TILDEN has written letters to the late President of ASU, GRADY GAMMAGE, attacking Student Government and SHOFSTALL. SHOFSTALL has also been under criticism for his handling of the impersonators who attended the Military Ball and the picketers at ASU.

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Dean SHOFSTALL stated that the following persons were opposed to him and were among the outstanding liberals at ASU:

(Information about each in parenthesis was obtained from the current 1959 - 1960, 1960 - 1961 General Catalogue at ASU.)

Dr. LOUIS M. MYERS

(Professor of English, head of the Division of Language and Literature at ASU since 1937, B.S. from St. Stephens College, M.A. at Columbia, and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley)

Dr. ERNEST PARKER - supposed to have been a socialist in Germany. He came to U. S. and changed his name.

(Professor of Animal Husbandry at ASU since 1950, B.S. and M.S. from University of Halle, and Ph.D. from University of Leipzig)

Dr. WILLARD ABRAHAM - wife is very liberal also.

(Professor of Education at ASU since 1953, B.S. at Illinois Institute of Technology, M. Ed. at Chicago Teachers College, and Ph.D. at Northwestern University)

Dr. BALL

(RACHAEL STUTSMAN BALL, Professor of Psychology at ASU since 1947, A.B. at University of Missouri, and Ph.D. at University of Chicago)

Dr. WILLIAM F. PODLICH, JR.

(Professor of Education at ASU since 1949, Director of Student Teaching, B.S. at Maryland State Teachers College, Towson, M.A. at Teachers College, Columbia University, and Ph.D. at State University of Iowa)

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Dr. ARNOLD TILDEN - one of the smartest men on the campus.

(Professor of History, Dean of College of Liberal Arts, at ASU since 1937, A.B. and M.A. at DePauw University, and Ph.D. at University of Southern California)

Dr. SIDNEY RUSSELL SMITH - works closely with Dr. ABRAHAM

(Professor of Psychology and Director of Psychology Clinics, at ASU since 1947, A.B. and M.A. and Ph.D. at University of California at Berkeley)

Dean SHOFSTALL gave no further information regarding these individuals.

According to Dean SHOFSTALL, Dr. ROY C. RICE, Director of Summer School, Extension and Correspondence at ASU, handled the scheduling of the lectures during the summer school.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. JOHN R. MARTINEZ is an Assistant Professor of History under whom MC ARTHUR took a course of U. S. history during the second semester of the year 1959 - 1960. MARTINEZ has been advisor of the Young Democrats at ASU and has been mixed up with democratic politics in Arizona somehow. In a class MARTINEZ was speaking of the great presidents and when he came to the 1900's, he started talking down the republicans and talking up the democrats. During the summer of 1960 MARTINEZ is supposed to be in Mexico, D.F., with a group of students who are studying at the University of Mexico City. MARTINEZ is a very brilliant man who was married and is now divorced.

MC ARTHUR stated his father had come to Phoenix in the late 1920's and had been instrumental in building the Biltmore Hotel. MC ARTHUR later lived in the New York City area and also attended Cornell University.

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July 27, 1960  
Phoenix, Arizona

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

At this time in Phoenix several chapters have been organized of the "John Birch Society", Belmont, 78, Massachusetts. It's founder is Robert Welch. The Society is dedicated to fighting the communist conspiracy, particularly its infiltration into every aspect of human life as we know it. It was founded approximately two years ago but has just recently come to this city. Because of so many seemingly good organizations, that later have proved to be mere communist "fronts", I would appreciate any or all information about the John Birch Society, as many who would be willing to work have wanted to know directly from you whether this is a subversive group or not.

I called our local F.B.I. office and they said they had no information at all but advised that by writing to you it could be obtained. Of course the sooner I receive this information the sooner these particular people that are interested can be effective in an effort to wake up a very sleepy and complacent America.

I wish to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mrs. I. Lee Nelson

Mrs. I. Lee Nelson  
4626 N. 58 Drive  
Glendale, Arizona

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Mrs. I. Lee Nelson  
4626 North 58 Drive  
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Dear Mrs. Nelson:

Your letter dated July 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mrs. I. Lee Nelson

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

It is noted that correspondent states she contacted your office regarding the John Birch Society and was told information concerning this organization could be obtained by writing to the Bureau. As you know, the Bureau does not furnish such information; therefore, in the future, when you receive inquiries of this nature, explain the Bureau's inability to be of assistance in such matters and do not refer the individual making inquiry to the Bureau.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.





**GOLDWATER PAPER**—Petitions for Senator Goldwater (R-Ariz.), drape these workers who are trying to win GOP vice presidential nomination for their favorite. Scene in hotel lobby where Goldwater has headquarters is gimmick to attract attention to the position taken by Goldwater in Chicago yesterday—opposing agreement between Nixon and Rockefeller. Workers are Dotty Fancher, left, of Phoenix, and Kent Courtney, New Orleans.—(AP Wirephoto)

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## Angry Arizona Delegates Ask For Senator Goldwater's Hand

By BERNIE WYNN

CHICAGO — An infuriated Arizona Republican delegation urged Sen. Barry Goldwater yesterday to authorize his nomination for president in light of the Rockefeller-Nixon platform bombshell.

"Mr. Nixon has made one of the few big political mistakes of his life. He should never have gone to New York," Goldwater told the applauding delegation.

But Goldwater, speaking quietly and earnestly, urged the admittedly partisan delegation to

"let the pot simmer for another 48 hours."

The Arizona senator said he'd like to see what effect the Rockefeller-Nixon agreement had on other delegations and then view the reaction of the 103-man platform committee.

State Representative John Haugh of Tucson, Arizona member of the platform committee, supplied the answer in one word — "resentment."

PRIOR TO Saturday, the platform committee communicated frequently with Vice President Nixon, supplying him with some of the language which wound up in the New York report, particularly on the plank dealing with national defense, Haugh said.

This concerned the recommendation that two subcabinet posts be created for domestic planning and creating the area of national security.

But the committee isn't going along with the idea of unlimited defense spending, he predicted.

NIXON'S prestige caused the platform committee to "give him great consideration" in drafting the official GOP program until word came here Saturday of the Rockefeller agreement, Haugh said.

But yesterday, the committee members expressed considerable resentment at the vice president's obvious taking over of their duties, Haugh added.

"The pressure (from Nixon)

is mounting. But I think this committee is going to draft a reasonably moderate platform," Haugh declared.

**SHOULD** Nixon appear before the committee with a personal plea, there is no telling what will happen, Haugh conceded.

There were reliable reports that the subcommittee studying federal aid to education will recommend that the entire Rockefeller-inspired education subsidy be rejected.

And there is small chance that the embattled committee will endorse GOP approval of sit-in demonstrations as advocated in the Rockefeller civil rights plank.

Goldwater praised Haugh for his crucial work on the platform committee, saying that the Tucson legislator is a "conservative who is an articulate man."

After working most of the day, the committee adjourned until 9 o'clock last night and then resumed deliberations in what promised to be an all-night marathon.

In the hour-long caucus, the 14-man Arizona delegation made it plain it stands ready to back

Goldwater all the way at the drop of a copper-colored Stetson.

Meeting in the 38th floor suite of the Executive House, the delegation greeted Goldwater with enthusiastic applause at 11 a.m.

"He's the great man of the Republican National Convention," declared State Chairman Richard G. Kleindienst by way of introduction.

Looking rather weary after six days in Chicago, Goldwater told the delegates that Nixon had better begin "acting like a Republican, a conservative Republican, if he expects to win this November."

Goldwater flatly refused to become a vice-presidential candidate regardless of the platform or the presidential nominee.

"If Nixon should lose, they would blame it on 'that reactionary' Goldwater," he explained.

In fact, his whole concern regarding his candidacy was based on what effect it would have on the dignity and bargaining power of Republican conservatives.

He made it clear that he didn't want his name in nomination if the conservatives can muster only 35 or 40 votes on the convention floor.

If there is a steamroller for Nixon, there is little point in pressing the conservative cause once the issue comes to vote, he indicated.

Late yesterday, Goldwater estimated that Nixon has about 447 votes sewed up on the first ballot through primaries and state conventions. He'll need 666 for nomination.

Since there is small chance that Nixon won't make it on the first ballot, Goldwater acknowledged he'll have to make a decision within 48 hours.

"If enough delegates are dissatisfied with Nixon, I will allow my name to be placed into nomination," he asserted.

"I personally hope that the party can be put back together and that Nixon will be the overwhelming choice," Goldwater added.

"I'm not here to wreck anything. I am here to build something so that we can win in November," he contended.

Expressing concern with the GOP fate in Arizona, Goldwater said this delegation for the first time has the opportunity to make "Arizona a true two-party state."

Congressman John J. Rhodes

told the delegates that they must "make a fight" for the conservative cause regardless whether they meet with failure or victory.

"If we must go down, let's go down fighting," he declared.

Rhodes urges the delegation to turn itself into an "intelligence task force" to sound out the conservative support for the Goldwater cause.

**Declared Delegate Steve Shadegg, of Phoenix:**

"I believe that if Barry Goldwater is nominated for president he will be elected this fall."

His declaration drew unanimous applause.

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SA CALVIN W. EVANS

WILLIAM A. POTTENGER, JR., aka  
"Father Bill"  
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On 12/12/60 WARREN MC ARTHUR, JR., 704 West Howe, Tempe, Arizona, and Mrs. DON A. FANCHER, also known as DOTTY FANCHER, corner of Elliott and McClintock, Tempe, furnished the following information to SA CALVIN W. EVANS.

Mrs. FANCHER is one of the Chapter Leaders of the John Birch Club in Tempe and is the Parish Advisor to the college students who attend the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1735 College Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. The rector of the church is the Rev. WILLIAM A. POTTENGER, JR. Both Mrs. FANCHER and WARREN MC ARTHUR, who was also a member of the John Birch Club in Tempe, are parishioners at St. Augustine's.

Mr. MC ARTHUR exhibited to SA EVANS a copy of a letter he had sent to Director HOOVER dated 12/6/60. This is identical with serial 1 of 100-5487 subsequently received by Phoenix from the Bureau.

One year ago POTTENGER went on a diet since he could be described as a "hefty man". A doctor treating him prescribed "dexedrine" for him. He was able to get this free from St. Luke's Hospital, Phoenix, where he is visiting chaplain. POTTENGER as a result took smaller doses, but overall each day he took more than the prescription indicated. Thereafter, he became very nervous and erratic and acted "very, very strange". Mrs. GORDON BENDER, Church Secretary, went to the wife of POTTENGER and reported the matter and as a result the doctor took POTTENGER off of dexedrine.

Mrs. FANCHER stated that she considers POTTENGER to be sneaky, two-faced, and unstable, an introvert and

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afraid of people. POTTENGER has been rector at St. Augustine's for approximately 6½ years.

POTTENGER is personally opposed to the Campus Crusade for Christ and has literally yelled and screamed against the organization in his talks with other college students. He claims that the Campus Crusade for Christ is interfering with and disrupting other religious groups at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Mrs. FANCHER pointed out that about two years ago the head of the Campus Crusade for Christ went into one of the dormitories at Arizona State University and created a ruckus. As a result, the university officials have passed a rule that no leaders of church groups of college students may go on the campus.

At a vestry meeting of St. Augustine's several weeks before, Mrs. ELEANOR SHAW, nee MC DANIELS, had been requested to speak on "Communist Infiltration of the National Council of Churches". All members of the vestry had been notified by letter that she would speak on that subject. Mrs. SHAW did speak and her talk was based on only the information she could document through information set forth in various House Committee on Un-American Activities Reports (HCUA) and from various published talks and other information of JOHN EDGAR HOOVER. During the talk, she made no reference to Bishop PIKE, Episcopal Bishop in San Francisco, California.

At about the same time WARREN MC ARTHUR spoke to the Men's Club at St. Augustine's about "Communism". During the time of his talk he played a tape recording of a talk of DAN SMOOT which had appeared on TV and which was about the San Francisco riots during the HCUA hearings there in 1960. In this program SMOOT mentioned "outside churchmen" being involved which included Cannon RICHARD BYFIELD who is under Bishop PIKE. POTTENGER, who had gone to school with Cannon BYFIELD, did not make any statement or take exception to the information set forth.

Right after this talk some members of the John Birch Club gave Rev. POTTENGER a subscription to the publication "American Opinion". Right after this Rev. POTTENGER went to Texas for a month and took the first

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issue of "American Opinion" with him. Upon his return Rev. POTTENGER stated that "American Opinion" is backed by Texas oilmen not to fight communism but to fight for segregation.

After Rev. POTTENGER had made this statement, Mrs. SHAW took a trip to Texas also and while there talked with an oilman by the name of HUNT who denied that they were fighting desegregation and stated they were only interested in fighting communism. While there she also talked with an Episcopal priest by the name of ROBERT T. INGRAHAM, whose church is not a member of the National Council of Churches. Rev. INGRAHAM had written a book about various Episcopal bishops and their opinions which indicated that some of them were questionable. She obtained a copy of this book and gave it to the Rev. POTTENGER. A few days later when Mrs. SHAW was visiting in Rev. POTTENGER's study, Rev. POTTENGER threw the book across the desk and went into a tirade about the book and referred to it as "tripe".

Right after this a vestry meeting was held on Sunday, 10/9/60, at the church. A typewritten agenda for this meeting was prepared by POTTENGER (a copy of which was given to SA EVANS and which is being placed in this file). Item 4 states "Discussion of rumors being circulated in Tempe and the Valley of the Sun that St. Augustine's is officially sponsoring an Anti-Communist Club". FANCHER and MC ARTHUR pointed out that at about this time a John Birch Club was formed and that the club included a number of members of St. Augustine's. At no time was there ever any indication that it was associated with St. Augustine's and nothing was ever said that it was officially sponsored by the church.

Under this item 4 appeared the following in part:

"c. As a Church of God, St. Augustine's cannot affiliate itself with any political movement of men, regardless of how idealistically inspired that group may appear...

"e. I have no doubt that to the last man we are individually opposed to the designs of the

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Communist Conspiracy. However, some of the charges levied by various organizations who present themselves and attract membership on the basis of being anti-Communist appear to be not only exaggerated but in some instances outright lies.

"f. It is totally within the freedom of Christ that Christian individuals may, if they wish, individually affiliate themselves with specific anti-communistic movements or organizations, BUT WE CANNOT ALLOW THESE INDIVIDUALS TO INFER THAT THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARE BEING OFFICIALLY SPONSORED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH."

At this same vestry meeting POTTENGER criticized several points appearing in the "American Opinion", Volume 3, Number 7, and in addition, he referred to a number of the persons fighting communism as "fascists". POTTENGER also stated a "lot of people" had asked if St. Augustine's was sponsoring an anti-communist group. He refused to identify these people or indicate exactly how many had asked. The vestry finally refused to discuss item 4 as it was against Canon Law and also since the group was not holding themselves as being sponsored by the church.

At about this time POTTENGER wrote to Cannon BYFIELD and then indicated that he intended to start a group at the church to study communism. He subsequently received a reply from BYFIELD in which he made reference to the following as his part in the "riots":

"As to my own activities in connection with the San Francisco disturbance, they were confined simply to reading this statement at a meeting held on the day previous to what has since been described as the 'riots'. I will also enclose a statement issued by the Bishop on Friday, May 13, in which he attempted to warn the rioters that they were damaging their own cause. Actually the cir-

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cumstances surrounding the so-called 'riots' are still so confused that no one is sure just how they started... I simply do not know, since I was over in Berkeley when they occurred."

Mrs. FANCHER learned that BRUCE ANTHONY, a former minister, was to speak at the Cartwright School near Phoenix, and was sponsored by a group who were alarmed about the communist menace. Mrs. FANCHER invited POTTENGER to go with them to hear the speech. He agreed and then sat at the head table while BRUCE ANTHONY spoke. One of the comments made by ANTHONY was concerning the Standard Revised Version of the Bible when he stated that 33 of the 90 who were involved in the revision were persons with communist leanings or sympathies. POTTENGER took exception to this statement and explained why it had been revised and that he had read the two side by side and found little or no difference. ANTHONY replied, "I'm keeping the King James version--no one can tell me what Bible to read."

On the way back to Tempe POTTENGER casually mentioned that he had received a letter from Cannon BYFIELD in which he absolved himself of being involved in the San Francisco "riots" and wanted the names of those who are saying "libelous and slanderous things" so that he and Bishop PIKE might sue. Cannon BYFIELD indicated that SMOOT and some of the people were so smooth that they don't leave themselves open to be sued.

While looking at some communist material POTTENGER told MC ARTHUR he had received a letter from Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI but refused to show it or say what it was about.

On another occasion shortly thereafter POTTENGER asked MC ARTHUR if he had told MC ARTHUR that he, POTTENGER, had received a letter from JOHN EDGAR HOOVER. MC ARTHUR replied that he had not. POTTENGER then stated that he was planning to set up an anti-communist study group which would be completely separate from the John Birch Clubs or St. Augustine's Church. He stated that HOOVER had sent him a whole bunch of information on communism and was very encouraging. POTTENGER intimated the information which he

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had received was information which HOOVER only sends to law enforcement agencies. At this time MC ARTHUR loaned POTTENGER the book, "The Naked Communist" which POTTENGER read and made notes on 4" x 6" cards.

MC ARTHUR arranged to show the film strip "Communism on the Map" to the Best B and Sahuaro Dormitories at Arizona State University. He asked a fellow student at Arizona State University by the name of TONY BOND to narrate the showing. BOND agreed to and in order to acquaint BOND with the film strip, he arranged to have a showing on a Sunday afternoon. At about the same time MC ARTHUR was asked by MIKE PELOW, a fellow student at Arizona State University and president of the Canterbury Club composed of students at Arizona State University who belonged to the Episcopal Church, to speak to the Canterbury Club. MC ARTHUR asked if PELOW would like to see the film strip "Communism on the Map". PELOW thought it would be "swell" but stated that he wanted to talk with "Father BILL" (as POTTENGER is known to parishioners) if it would be OK. POTTENGER replied that he would rather not have it shown until after they studied communism in the anti-communist study group. Shortly thereafter POTTENGER said "some of the parishioners" were disturbed and he felt that it was not advisable to show the film strip. He was asked how many parishioners and what their names were. POTTENGER replied, "I am kinda working like the FBI and can't reveal names." He then began discussing the HCUA and commented that he felt the HCUA should be abolished and a new committee formed in its place. This statement was also heard by PELOW and RANDY WATERS who was also a member of the Canterbury Club. This statement was made on the day after POTTENGER had been to a chaplains' meeting in San Francisco and after he had talked with Cannon BYFIELD and Bishop PIKE. He indicated that the HCUA engaged in "name calling" and "guilt by association".

The same day POTTENGER called MC ARTHUR and asked if it would be all right for him to come and see the private showing of the film strip "Communism on the Map" which MC ARTHUR was showing at his home. POTTENGER was invited and did attend. While there POTTENGER asked



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MC ARTHUR if he had heard anything about the students at Arizona State University being requested to report any communist leanings of any professors teaching at Arizona State University. MC ARTHUR replied that he had not heard of any such request and then stated that such a story was probably just a product of the "rumor clinic".

While at the showing of the film strip, POTTENGER mentioned to BILL ATTERBURY, another Chapter Leader of a John Birch Club, that he, POTTENGER, was planning to have an anti-communist study group at the church but that the group was going to be separate and apart from the church and for that reason he was very interested in the film strip. POTTENGER sent a letter to the parishioners regarding this study group. (A copy has been placed in 100-5487.)

At about 3:30 or 4:00 PM on 12/5/60 W. P. SHOFSTALL, Dean of Students at Arizona State University, called MC ARTHUR and asked the latter if he knew what that "S.O.B." had done. MC ARTHUR asked "Who?" Dean SHOFSTALL replied, "Your minister." He went on to relate that POTTENGER had called and asked him about a letter POTTENGER thought Dean SHOFSTALL had sent out to all students asking the students to report any professors who had communist leanings. He wanted to know if this was an official letter to the students and wanted to know if any request had been made to report such professors. Dean SHOFSTALL denied hearing of such a letter and asked MC ARTHUR if he had heard of any such a letter. MC ARTHUR replied that he had not. POTTENGER stated to SHOFSTALL that "a lot of people" had stopped him at church and asked him about such a request. POTTENGER further stated that he had called Dr. HOMER DURHAM (President of Arizona State University) and had asked about such a letter and admitted that he had mentioned Dean SHOFSTALL's name as the person who might have been responsible for such a letter.

Dean SHOFSTALL related that after the telephone call from POTTENGER, he had mentioned the nature of the call to his wife, ERIKA SHOFSTALL, who in turn called POTTENGER back and again asked him if he had called Dr. DURHAM about Dean SHOFSTALL. Mrs. SHOFSTALL took POTTENGER to task for

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calling SHOFSTALL's superior on a "rumor", asked him if he had seen any "letter", and what was his purpose in calling the President of Arizona State University. Dean SHOFSTALL was at a loss to figure out what business POTTENGER had in looking into such a situation and calling Dr. DURHAM and smearing Dr. SHOFSTALL.

MC ARTHUR felt that this rumor started out of a meeting that took place at Best B Dormitory at Arizona State University where MC ARTHUR was showing the film "Operation Abolition". The Dormitory Council was talked into allowing ANTHONY SPACHTHOLZ, a graduate student at Arizona State University, to present the other side of the story concerning the film "Operation Abolition". Following the showing of the film, SPACHTHOLZ played a tape recording put out by the Student Civil Liberties Union, affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union. In addition SPACHTHOLZ read from a fact sheet entitled "Some Facts About the Film of the San Francisco Protest Against the House Un-American Activities Committee" which purported to be information taken from a report made available by the Orange County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. (A copy of this has been obtained and is being placed in Phoenix file 100-352 on the American Civil Liberties Union.) SPACHTHOLZ also read from a reprint from the "Reporter Magazine" entitled "A Movie With a Message" which was distributed by the American Civil Liberties Union. (A copy of this has also been obtained and is being placed in 100-352.) SPACHTHOLZ related that his beliefs were in complete harmony as those of the American Civil Liberties Union but he was not a member since he was not financially able to join. Most of the students at Arizona State University were against SPACHTHOLZ and started asking him about his personal life. MC ARTHUR spoke against any such questions about SPACHTHOLZ' personal life and asked him, "I would like to know more about your associates." MC ARTHUR then mentioned that SPACHTHOLZ had just graduated after taking courses in political science and history and asked him, "How many of those professors under whom you have studied go along with this subject and agree with your philosophy as you have purported to believe and go along with the ACLU beliefs?" SPACHTHOLZ hesitated and then answered, "I think most of them do." One student,

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not identified, asked if SPACHTHOLZ could identify some of these professors so that they could go to them and ask them if they go along with the beliefs of the American Civil Liberties Union. Before SPACHTHOLZ could answer, another student asked about Dr. HINK. SPACHTHOLZ did not answer. MC ARTHUR asked, "Dr. LEONARD, perhaps." SPACHTHOLZ replied, "Dr. LEONARD definitely does." Another student asked if they could quote SPACHTHOLZ and go talk with Dr. LEONARD. SPACHTHOLZ replied that he could not say that he entirely agreed with SPACHTHOLZ as he had not talked with Dr. LEONARD about every aspect. Another student then asked about Dr. PHILLIPS. SPACHTHOLZ then stated, "Dr. PHILLIPS agrees with me." Another student asked, "Dr. PILLSBURY?" SPACHTHOLZ replied that he did not know Dr. PILLSBURY. MC ARTHUR said, "Dr. PALLEY." SPACHTHOLZ, giving the correct pronunciation of Dr. PALLEY's name, replied, "I don't know. I suspect that he does. We have not discussed it."

Mrs. FANCHER and MC ARTHUR both felt that this was the start of the "official letter" rumor asking students to report communist activities.

MC ARTHUR also attended a meeting of the Mitchell School Parents-Teachers Association, Tempe, Arizona, the first part of December where there was a showing of the film "Operation Abolition". Dr. LEONARD and Dr. PALLEY were both at this meeting and objected to the showing of the film. The next day MC ARTHUR received a letter dated 12/2/60 in which Dr. JULIAN PALLEY, who signed himself as assistant professor of Spanish, Liberal Arts 402, wrote, "I would like to see you in my office at the earliest opportunity. I consider the matter urgent. I am available at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and at 10:00 on Tuesday." MC ARTHUR did not go to see Dr. PALLEY.

Right after POTTENGER called Dr. DURHAM and Dr. SHOFSTALL, MARIAN SWAHLEN learned of it. She is the wife of BILL SWAHLEN who is one of the vestrymen at St. Augustine's and was a member of the John Birch Club in Tempe. MARIAN told her husband about the conversation and thereafter BILL SWAHLEN made an appointment to see POTTENGER. POTTENGER denied that he had used Dean SHOFSTALL when he

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talked with Dr. DURHAM and at this time stated that he backed the HCUA 100%. At the next meeting of the Canterbury Club, POTTENGER tried to convince them that the HCUA was all right. At the same meeting POTTENGER stated that Marxian communism is utopia but that Russian communism is bad. He also asked the students what they thought of the film "Operation Abolition". One student stated that the whole riot was caused because the students did not like the food being served them and therefore protested at the HCUA hearings. He said POTTENGER told them that the FBI and the HCUA were two bodies set up to counterbalance each other. Both have limited duties and both have closed files.

On 12/10/60 GILBERT CADY, Vice-President in charge of Business Operations, Arizona State University, told Dean SHOFSTALL that POTTENGER had also called him, CADY, about the "official letter" as well as Dr. DURHAM. POTTENGER also told CADY that he, POTTENGER, was being persecuted but did not say by whom he was being persecuted.

MC ARTHUR also reported that Dean SHOFSTALL has a number of honor students at Arizona State University meet at his home to discuss various items and to increase their education at Arizona State University. POTTENGER alleged that this group had also been shown the film "Operation Abolition" and called the group "fascists".

In October, 1960, POTTENGER told MC ARTHUR that he had talked to the FBI and that he had learned that the John Birch Clubs embarrassed them. He did not further elaborate.

MC ARTHUR also stated that the Board of Regents for the Universities and Colleges of the State of Arizona had requested Dean SHOFSTALL to resign from the John Birch Club which he did. MC ARTHUR also resigned at the same time so that he could more effectively fight communism and not be identified with such a group.

POTTENGER attended the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, and then the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, where he met his present wife. He then

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attended seminary at the Divinity School of the Pacific where Cannon BYFIELD also attended.

The 1959-1960 and 1960-1961 General Catalogue of Arizona State University contains the following information concerning the professors mentioned to ANTHONY SPACHTHOLZ:

HEINZ R. HINK, at Arizona State University since 1958; Assistant Professor of Political Science. LLB at University of Berlin; M.A., Ph.D. at University of Washington.

WILLIAM WEILAND PHILLIPS (1958); Assistant Professor of History. Ph.B., M.A. at University of North Dakota; Ph.D. at University of Missouri.

KENT PILLSBURY (1957); Assistant Professor of Education. A.B. University of California, Santa Barbara; M.A. University of Oregon; Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University.

JULIAN PALLEY (1959; Instructor in Spanish. B.A. Mexico City College; M.A. University of Arizona; Ph.D. University of New Mexico.

The 1960-1961 listing of faculty members lists T. JAMES LEONARD, Ph.D., as an Assistant Professor of Political Science, Arizona State University.

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On 12/12/60, KAY WESTERMAN, 25 East Osborn Road, Phoenix, Arizona, furnished the following information to SA EVANS by telephone:

Information has been received from CHARLES MILLER, former member of the FBI and presently a member of a John Birch Club, and from other members of the John Birch Clubs in Phoenix, that on Sunday afternoon, 12/11/60, a meeting was held in Room 214 at the Memorial Union Building, ASU, Tempe, Arizona. This meeting was sponsored by the William Penn Society and the Liberal Religious Students. Mrs. WESTERMAN was not present herself.

LEONARD HINDS, teacher at Washington High School, Phoenix, Arizona and Board Member of the American Civil Liberties Union, was to be the speaker for the meeting and also to be representing the American Civil Liberties Union. HINDS recently received considerable publicity in the "Arizona Republic" newspaper when he appeared at the PTA of the Royal Palms School (part of the Washington Grammer School District), Phoenix, Arizona in opposition to the showing of the film "Operation Abolition."

When publicity was released that HINDS would appear at the meeting on 12/11/60, a number of persons called in to Radio Station KPOK to an audience participation program where the listener gives his opinion. HINDS decided that he would not appear because of threats made over the Radio Station KPOK that he would be thrown out of the meeting if he did appear.

ANTHONY SPACHTHOLZ appeared in his place and announced that HINDS was unable to appear. The meeting was generally about the film "Operation Abolition" with most of those present claiming that the film was biased and not a factual presentation of the

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disturbance that occurred at San Francisco, California, during the HCUA hearings in May, 1960. Most of the material read was literature prepared by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

CHARLES MILLER, after holding his hand up for over a half hour before they would recognize him, began reading from the publication "Communist Target--Youth". After he had had the floor for about five minutes, a Mr. BEECHER, who was connected with ASU, stood up and interrupted. He stated, "I do not want to hear any more from a biased report. Everyone knows that he is just a politician." He did not want to hear any more.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 2/27/61

FROM : SA BERT C. MERENESS

SUBJECT: ~~JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY~~  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. WILLIAM CARL KNICK, 3616 W. Northview, Phoenix, Arizona, on 2/27/61 personally appeared at the Phoenix Office to inquire of information concerning the John Birch Society.

KNICK said he recently read, "The Blue Book," by John Welch which views he both agrees and disagrees with the author. About 2 to 3 weeks ago, he was approached by ~~ALIEN~~ THUM, who is the manager of O'Malley-Reed, Phoenix. THUM wanted KNICK to consider ~~joining~~ joining the Society. KNICK was, therefore, seeking aid to establish the status of the John Birch Society.

KNICK was advised that the FBI could not offer any information concerning the Society should there be any information in our files. Further, he sought to endeavor if the Society has been listed as communistic, and again, he was advised that he would have to consult other sources to ascertain his information.

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LOS ANGELES — Suburban newspaper columnists have been devoting uneasy attention recently to an organization known as the John Birch Society, apparently a well-heeled outfit spawned by the Cold War.

The society's founder is Robert Welch, 71, a retired Boston, Mass., candy manufacturer, who set up the organization Dec. 9, 1958, at Indianapolis, Ind. Neither the date or place seem to be of significance but the society's "cell" method of organizing and the role of its founder seems to have aroused misgivings.

Welch, who is described as the absolute boss of the society, was born in North Carolina, finished the university there, spent two years at Annapolis and another two at Harvard. He's lived in Boston since 1919.

"Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase," Welch proclaimed on one occasion, "a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

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Welch seems to have taken fright at some of the liberal decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court and his "cells" were commanded to wield pens in a letter writing campaign calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Welch also tackled the Eisenhower menace to free enterprise. He thinks Milton Eisenhower, brother of the former president, was a Communist, and it is "his firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

That appeared in a 1958 booklet, "The Politician," written by Welch, which seems to have been withdrawn from circulation after being seen by a few leaders of the movement.

Said Bill Sumner, in The Pasadena Independent:

"Locally, and in this area, the Society seems to be attracting men and women of some substance. It would not pay to dismiss them as a group of fanatics and crackpots worthy only of a passing snort."

Besides Pasadena, the society has picked up recruits in Santa Barbara. Significantly, both communities are dominat-

ed by the retired-well-to-do.

On Welch's council are such veteran enemies of democratic rights as Dean Clarence Marion, T. Coleman Andrews, former income tax collector; Spruille Braden, former Latin American "expert" of the U.S. State Department, and Adolph Menjou, unsavory relic of the House Un-Americans' raid on Hollywood.

Recruiting is done at house meetings by means of a 4-hour

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movie on which Welch appears alone and explains why there must be complete obedience to the leader. That, he says, will keep out Communists and others who might create dissent.

Each cell has its director who in turn consults with a district director monthly who transmits orders from above. Directives also approved in the monthly John Birch Bulletin, edited by Welch.

Letter writing to public officials and to newspapers has been the main activity of the Society but lately its attention has been turned to the PTA, which Welch feels is too much to the left.

The society is named for John Birch, a U. S. Army Captain who is supposed to have died in China 10 days after VJ day. Welch blames his death on "Chinese Communists."

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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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# John Birch Society Gets More Airing In Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Milton R. Young, R-N.D., told the Senate yesterday of more Communists-in-government charges by an official of the John Birch Society, a semisecret right-wing-group with which he has clashed.

Young said some John Birch members are "quite irate" about a speech he made in the Senate March 8 protesting that leaders of the society have falsely accused former President Dwight D. Eisenhower of being a communist.

YESTERDAY, Young filed with the Senate for publication in the Congressional Record a copy of a letter he said was written last Nov. 1 by Robert D. Love, whom he described as a Wichita, Kan., John Birch member, expressing qualified disbelief that Eisenhower is a Red, but charging that many high in the government should be tried for treason. The letter did not name them.

The photographic copy of the letter Young displayed was addressed to Mrs. George Angle,

also of Wichita, over Love's signature.

Young also put in the Congressional Record a copy of a letter from Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., the purported national head of John Birch, inviting a congressional investigation of the society.

WELCH'S letter said the society's official purpose is "to promote less government, more responsibility and a better world," and to fight communism. It takes its name from John Birch, a missionary executed by the Chinese Reds.

Young also put in the record editorials by the Los Angeles Times and Santa Barbara (Calif.) Free Press critical of the John Birch Society and of Welch.

Love's letter to Mrs. Angle said Welch, in 1955, had written to "a friend" not otherwise identified:

"President Eisenhower must have known what the Communists were up to; because the President did know and did not arouse the people to the dangers, he must be involved in some way."

LOVE'S LETTER continued:

"Personally I disagreed with this conclusion."

Love added that "some day there will be a good many people in this country tried for treason, if we still have courts by that time."

"The Supreme Court has riddled our internal security laws to the point that you cannot convict a man of being a Communist . . .

"There are many people in high government offices who should be tried for treason. Maybe they are unwitting dupes. Maybe they are part of the conspiracy."

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DEAN WELDON P. SHOFSTALL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 21, 1961, GAYLE SHUMAN, Director of Campus Security, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, furnished the following information to SA CALVIN W. EVANS, who was conducting another investigation at ASU:

On March 12, 1961, DEAN WELDON P. SHOFSTALL, Dean of Students, ASU, gave a talk before the Newman Club, a group of Catholic Students at ASU. Among those present were JAMES RICHARD KIRKPATRICK, who asked SHOFSTALL if the latter was a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. SHOFSTALL said that he was not. KIRKPATRICK then stated that SHOFSTALL used his office for the distribution of their literature. SHOFSTALL called KIRKPATRICK a liar. KIRKPATRICK stated that he had picked up some literature of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY at SHOFSTALL's office. SHOFSTALL again called KIRKPATRICK a liar. KIRKPATRICK stated that he had asked SHOFSTALL's secretary for some such literature and had obtained some. SHOFSTALL again called KIRKPATRICK a liar. KIRKPATRICK presently resides at 116 Roma Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona, and recently took a trip to Ireland.

Recently at a meeting of the American Association of University Professors, the President, VICTOR MILLER, read a four page speech on how they had to get rid of SHOFSTALL at ASU, naming him by name.

The above is being set forth for record purposes.

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# Anti-Red Vigilantes Criticized

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Justice Department today expressed "concern" over the anti-Communist John Birch Society and congressional leaders spoke of an investigation.

The Justice Department refused to say whether it is investigating the semi-secret society, but a spokesman said a "growing number of inquiries the Justice Department has received about the John Birch Society has made it a matter of concern to the attorney general."

VICE CHAIRMAN Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., of the Senate internal security subcommittee said he would bring up the possibility of investigating the arch-conservative group at the subcommittee's next meeting.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in the April Law Enforcement Bulletin, severely criticized "vigilante action" by Americans combating communism. He did not mention any specific group.

He said Communists stand to gain from every rift among the American people. "Unfortunately, this involves certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another."

"THE LABEL of Communist is too often indiscriminately attached to those whose views differ from the majority," he added.

Hoover said "this is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action" against communism. "The ingredients for Communist coups in nations which have fallen under its spell always include a populace shaken with fear, hysteria and confusion."

"There is above all the danger of irresponsible counteraction by citizens who lend impetus to communism through inept attempts to fight this insidious menace."

Hoover said the way to fight it "is to study it, understand it, and discover what can be done about it."

DODD did not say whether he would press for a full-fledged investigation of the Birch Society.

Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., said his Senate Government Operations Committee has no plans to investigate the society because it has no jurisdiction. The committee and its permanent investigating subcommittee, also headed by McClellan, have broad investigative powers but only in matters affecting government activities.

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## Lawmakers Both Defend, Attack Welch

WASHINGTON (AP). — Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, yesterday called the founder of the far-right John Birch Society a little Hitler, a Mussolini, a fake patriot, and a slick demagogue.

But Young called for no investigation by Congress.

Some cries have arisen in Congress for an investigation of founder Robert Welch, who once described former President Dwight D. Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

YOUNG, however, told the Senate that Congress is too busy to take time for such an investigation.

Even if there were time, Young continued, "any mercenary demagogue has the right to express opinions, though discredited, unfounded and false."

And, Young concluded, the John Birch Society, like similar organizations in the past, will die "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

But while Young attacked the society on the floor of the Senate, another congressman issued a statement in its defense.

REP. JOHN H. Roussetot, R-Calif., said he joined the John Birch Society several months ago "because I believe that, in the main, the society is designed to oppose the Communist threat in a positive, legal and correct way."

Various critics and some friends of the society have urged investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate internal security subcommittee, or the Senate Government Operations Committee.

But the chairmen of all three have indicated they have no plans for any probe of the society.

IN HIS speech, Young said Welch, a 61-year-old retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass., "is succeeding handsomely in selling life memberships in his society for \$1,000 each and raking in thousands of dollars every month in members' dues."

The leaders of the society, Young said, were "right-wing crackpots" who "would undermine the very foundations of American democracy."

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## Birch Society Probe Fought

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — The American Civil Liberties Union opposes any investigation of the right-wing John Birch Society by Congress or the California Legislature.

"The right of all citizens to hold and to advocate their political views, regardless of how extreme and distorted these views may be, is inviolate," said Eason Monroe in a letter yesterday to California Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Monroe, executive director of the Civil Liberties Union in Southern California, said any investigation of the Birch Society would violate the First Amendment.

"Only a showing that the advocacy of such views constitutes a 'clear and present danger' that unlawful acts will be committed would justify a restraint upon the speech or assembly of the John Birch Society," he added.

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## Let 'Em Have Their Freedom

The John Birch Society has been under heavy attack from the country's Liberals for several weeks. The implication is that it is violently reactionary and goes about hurting the reputations of innocent persons. Members of the society retort that what the Liberals are really trying to do is silence an effective opponent.

For the moment we leave the merits or demerits of the John Birch Society to analysis by our readers. What interests us just now is the action of the American Civil Liberties Union in protesting against congressional or legislative investigations of the society.

Anti-subversive committees in both the national Congress and the California Legislature have been considering calling witnesses to inquire into the activities of the John Birch Society. This fact inspired Eason Monroe, executive director of the ACLU in Southern California, to protest. Such an investigation would violate the First Amendment, says Monroe. It would create a restraint upon the free speech and assembly of the John Birch Society.

"The right of all citizens to hold

and to advocate their political views, regardless of how extreme and distorted these views may be, is inviolate," Monroe said in a letter to California's governor. (This was, incidentally, a horrible mangling of the legal and constitutional truth, but let that pass.)

The teensy-weensy little fact that was not mentioned at all in the publicity release we saw on the ACLU protest was this: The John Birch Society itself had demanded that it be investigated and its members apparently not only are willing, but eager to testify before congressional or legislative committees.

None has threatened to "take the Fifth," as far as we know.

The upshot is, we are left wondering if the ACLU is merely misinformed about the society, or was making an opportunity to get in that crack about "extreme and distorted" views, or is intent upon stuffing "freedom from inquiry" down the society's throat whether the society wants it or not.

For us, we prefer to let people have the freedom to be investigated if they want it that way.

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# Phelps Denies Phoenix 'Torn' By Activities Of Birch Society

Former Supreme Court Justice M. T. Phelps, a member of the national council of the John Birch Society, today denied that Phoenix is "torn badly within" because of society activities here.

The judge (and later, Phoenix Mayor Sam Mardian) said he wasn't aware of the tennis court or books matters.

His denial came after charges in Washington by Sen. Gale McGee, D-Wyo., that during a visit to Phoenix a few days ago he found the city "torn badly within because of agitation and whispers stirred up in the name of this society."

McGee and Sen. Milton R. Young, R-N. D., both placed in the congressional record a series of recent newspaper articles reporting on the anti-Communist organization.

YOUNG, WHO first called the Senate's attention to activities of the John Birch Society March 8, said he has received "many requests" for information on the group and some requests for a Senate investigation of it.

McGee said it is "time the searchlight of truth" and full publicity be given the matter. His statement was endorsed by Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo.

AT ISSUE in Phoenix, McGee said were decisions relating to location of a tennis court and the handling of books.

"The burden of the charge was that Communists were behind these decisions," McGee told the Senate.

The senator said he felt the greatest possible publicity should be given to activities of the John Birch Society.

Phelps said he had heard only one comment, by "a local minister connected with the National Council of Churches," who was disturbed about the society, like McGee.

PHELPS SAID he had heard the minister was going to talk on the United Nations and that he went to hear him. When the minister recognized him in the audience, Phelps related, the minister made

"There is not a thing wrong with the John Birch Society... and nothing secret," the judge declared.

HE IDENTIFIED Robert Chandler, of 5728 N. 10th Pl., an employe of Goodyear Aircraft Corp., Litchfield, as state co-ordinator for the society, and from whom a list of Arizona society officers and other information could be obtained.

Judge Phelps said his group was involved in a lot of letter writing to Congress — 1,000 letters were sent in opposing "Eisenhower going to the last summit," for example.

Judge Phelps said he welcomes any investigation of the society, and said he had written Governor Brown of California, who had called for an inquiry, to that effect.

Judge Phelps said the Birch Society was not connected with ousting of teacher Leonard H. Hinds from his position in Washington High School, as had been rumored. The judge said his appearance at school board meetings concerning Hinds was because he was a resident of the Washington High School area. (Hinds' friends claimed he was dismissed because of his criticism at a PTA meeting of the film, "Operation Abolition.")

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# Goldwater Gives Views On Group

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LOS ANGELES — Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., told newsmen here that "I don't know much" about the John Birch Society, but "they are anti-Communist and I don't see how we can be against that."

The Arizona senator said he disagreed with many theories of the right-wing society but was "impressed by the type of people who belong."

NEWSMEN asked Goldwater these John Birch questions and received these answers:

"Do you agree with the society that this republic is not a fit form of government with which to fight communism?"

"I don't agree."

"Do you believe, like the society, that ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower was a tool of the Communists?"

"I certainly don't."

"DO YOU AGREE with the society that Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached?"

"No, I don't."

"Do you agree with society contentions that the Communists have influenced some decisions of the Supreme Court?"

"I do not."

Goldwater, in Los Angeles to address the Pepperdine College Freedom Forum, elaborated briefly:

"I will admit that some of the recent Supreme Court decisions seemed favorable to the Communists."

"I don't know much about the society. They are anti-Communist and I don't see how we can be against that."

"A LOT OF PEOPLE in my home town, both Democrats and Republicans, have been attracted to it, and I am impressed by the type of people in it. They are the kind we need in politics."

Goldwater denied membership in the group, which was founded by wealthy business man Robert Welch and named for a U.S. missionary killed by the Communist Chinese.

Goldwater also said he liked President Kennedy's Peace Corps if mature, solid people were the dominant participants.

He said he hoped it wouldn't become a "midsummer cruise for beatniks."

GOLDWATER'S VIEWS came on the heels of statements made in Arizona by former Arizona Supreme Court Justice M. T. Phelps, member of the society's national council. Phelps denied Phoenix was "torn badly within" because of the society's activities.

His statements were in reply to assertions by Sen. Gale McGee, D-Wyo., that on a visit to the Arizona capital he found it "torn badly within because of agitation and whispers stirred up in the name of this society."

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## Goldwater's Birch Society Stand Aired

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Conservative leader Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., told newsmen yesterday that he disagreed with many of the theories of the right-wing John Birch Society but was "impressed by the type of people in it."

Newsmen asked Goldwater these John Birch questions and got these replies:

**DOES HE** agree with the society that this republic is not a fit form of government with which to fight communism? A—"I don't agree."

Does he agree with the society that Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached? "No, I don't."

Does he agree with society contentions that the Communists have influenced some decisions of the Supreme Court? A—"I do not."

Goldwater, here to address the Pepperdine College Freedom Forum, elaborated briefly:

"I WILL admit that some of the recent Supreme Court decisions seemed favorable to the Communists."

And he added:

"I don't know much about it (the society). They are anti-Communist and I don't see how we can be against that."

"A lot of people in my home town (Phoenix), both Democrats and Republicans, have been attracted to it, and I am impressed by the type of people in it. They are the kind we need in politics."

Goldwater said he was not and never has been a member of the John Birch Society, although he knows Robert Welch, head of the organization which is named for a U.S. missionary and intelligence man killed by the Communist Chinese.

In fact, he said, he disagrees with certain statements put forth by Welch. For instance:

—He said Welch was "wrong" in implying that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was a dupe of the Communists.

"I SAW THE statement three or four years ago and told him then he was wrong," said Goldwater.

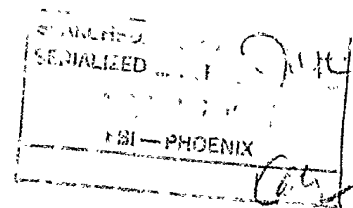
Goldwater said he also disagreed with the Birch Society position on combating the Communist use of force.

"I believe in the power of ideas over force," he said, emphasizing he did not think America should copy Communist weapons to fight the Reds.

Goldwater said the Birch Society was not a political organization. He said it was not as far to the right as the Americans for Democratic Action was to the left.

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# Welch Denies Calling Ike Communist

BELMONT, Mass (AP)—Robert Welch, founder of the ultrarightist John Birch Society, denied yesterday that he ever called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist."

When asked whether he ever did view Eisenhower as a Red agent, he replied:

"I never had that opinion, I never thought it then with firmness enough to publish it or to say it in public and I don't today."

The latter exchange came when a reporter asked him to comment on this statement published in a book comprising what Welch calls a "private confidential letter written years ago."

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it

seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

The book—or letter—also describes Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as tools of communism. When asked about this he said, "They were being used by the Communists—I never said they were Communists and I don't say it now."

The interview with Welch in the headquarters of the Birch Society here took place after he issued a prepared statement "offered as an effort to pierce . . . some of the incredible fog of falsehood now being so widely circulated about me."

Welch said in the statement he does not think Truman and Roosevelt were Communists "or sympathizers in any way with ultimate Communist aims."

Welch, a retired 61-year-old candy manufacturer, said, "The John Birch Society is not, simply because we have sought to avoid

publicity, thereby a secret organization."

"Our objective has been to build strength and understanding instead of creating noise. All of our materials are wide open for anybody to purchase."

"Nowhere in my private or published writings have I ever called former President Eisenhower a 'card-carrying' communist."

But Welch said he did write a "private confidential letter" some years ago "in which I stated in the blunt language of a personal letter some harsh personal opinions of our then-president. . . ."

He said that letter made it clear "that I had no quarrel with anybody who wished to attribute his (Eisenhower's) actions simply to political opportunism."

Welch said his letter was read by most of the men who founded the Birch Society in 1958 and was "specifically disavowed by the group as being no part of the material of belief of the John Birch Society in any way."

Of the society, Welch said: "Our only 'crime' is fighting communism. And that we intend to continue until our side wins."

Welch added the society has "broken no law, violated no moral principles, and has as a firmly-stated foundation of its program that even good ends never justify bad means."

Referring in the interview to the "private confidential letter," Welch said he originally sent it to "a few friends." They asked for copies to be sent to others, he said, and added:

"I kept adding to it and got more requests and the letter eventually grew to 80,000 words. That is why the letter came to be called a book."

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JOHN M. BIRCH

## John Birch's Mother OKs Society Aims

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The mother of the late missionary for whom the John Birch Society was named, told the Star-Telegram yesterday she and her husband were "heartily in accord with the purpose and the procedure of the John Birch Society."

Mrs. George S. Birch of Macon, Ga., was telephoned for her comments on the Congressional interest in the strongly anti-Communist society.

Her late son, Capt. John Birch, went abroad from Fort Worth in 1940 after completing his religious education at the Fundamentalist Baptist Bible Institute. He was one of the first two graduates of the local school, established by the late J. Frank Norris, a fire-brand preacher who broke with the Southern Baptist Convention, the main Baptist group in the South.

Birch was killed by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J Day.

Mrs. Birch said she and her husband, a retired missionary, are honorary life members of the John Birch Society.

The society was named for the young Birch, whom its leaders chose on the ground that he was the first American victim of the cold war. She said she felt her

## Many Urge Birch Society Investigation

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is concerned about the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, the Justice Department reported yesterday. But it declined to say whether he was investigating the semi-secret organization.

The statement came as Vice Chairman Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee said he would raise the possibility of a Senate investigation of the anti-Communist group at the subcommittee's next meeting. He did not say he would push for an inquiry.

Rep. Don L. Short, D-N.D., called for a Justice Department inquiry. Assistant Senate Republican Leader Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., Thursday proposed that the senate government operations committee question Robert Welch, former candy manufacturer who founded the society.

A SPOKESMAN for Welch at the society's Belmont, Mass., headquarters said the founder had no comment on criticism of the group and demands for an investigation.

A Justice Department spokesman said the Attorney General's concern about the society was prompted by the "growing number of inquiries the Justice Department has received" about the group.

But Rep. Edgar W. Hiesland, R-Calif., the first member of Congress to reveal that he belongs to the society, said he and Welch would welcome a congressional inquiry, "the more thorough, the better."

HIESLAND defended the organization as the best means of fighting the "Communist conspiracy." He conceded that some members might be extremists, but denied the society is a clandestine or fascist group.

He told a news conference the society's main purposes were "violent and emphatic anti-communism" and promotion of "less and less government."

Later, Rep. John H. Rousselot, R-Calif., identified himself as a John Birch member. He said that

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# Birch Leader Denies He Said Ike Is 'Card-Carrying' Red

BELMONT, Mass (AP)—Robert Welch, founder of the controversial John Birch Society, says he never called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist."

His denial came last night as criticism mounted around the rightest organization after a disclosure Welch once wrote that Eisenhower was a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

In a privately-published book, Welch also described Milton Eisenhower, the former president's brother, and described former presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as "tools of communism."

WELCH SAID he never viewed former President Eisenhower as a Red agent. "I never had that opinion," he said. "I never thought if then with firmness enough to publish it or to say it in public and I don't today."

Some congressmen have called for investigations of the John Birch Society by the House Committee on un-American Activities, the Senate internal security subcommittee and the Senate Government Operations Committee.

The chairmen of all three bodies indicated that they had no plans to investigate the society.

Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., a society member, called congressional attacks part of a "pro-Communist smear."

BUT A SPOKESMAN for the Justice Department in Washington said the society's activities have



ROBERT WELCH  
Center of Controversy

become a "matter of concern to the Justice Department."

Welch's denial that he ever called Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist" was in answer to a reporter's question at the society's headquarters in Belmont.

The question was prompted by a statement in a book published by Welch for limited circulation.

It said:

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detained evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

THE BOOK ALSO said: "In my opinion, the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is

actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior boss within the Communist Party. For one thing, he is obviously a great deal smarter."

Welch, 61, is a retired candy manufacturer.

Asked about his written statements about Truman, Roosevelt and Dulles, Welch said: "They were being used by the Communists—I never said they were Communists and I don't say it now."

The society was founded by Welch in 1958 and was named after John Birch, a Baptist missionary killed by Communists in China 10 days after the close of World War II.

HE SAID OF the book that originally it was a "private confidential letter" he sent only to a few friends. "They asked for copies to be sent to others."

In Richmond, Va., T. Coleman Andrews, one of the society's 12 founders, said statements and writings of Welch do not necessarily represent the official view of the group.

The interview with Welch took place after he issued a prepared statement "offered as an effort to pierce . . . some of the incredible fog of falsehood now being so widely circulated about me."

Rep. John R. Rousselot, R-Calif., said he took out a year's membership in the society last September.

HE SAID OTHER Congress members are in the society, but added he felt it was their place to identify themselves.

Byron Barron of Springfield, Va., who said he is a field representative for the Birch Society, said "one of the items on the current agenda of the society is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren."

He said "in a total of 39 cases before the court involving Communist subversion, Justice Warren ruled in 36 of them in favor of the Communist point of view."

Mrs. George S. Birch of Macon, Ga., mother of the slain missionary, said she and her husband are "heartily in accord with the purpose and the procedure of the John Birch Society."

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# John Birch Leader Asks Investigation

BOSTON (UPI)—Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, sent a telegram to the Senate internal security subcommittee yesterday asking for an official investigation of his organization.

In Washington, Sen. James O. Eastland said he had received Welch's telegram and would submit his request for an investigation to a vote of the subcommittee at its next meeting.

THE REQUEST for an investigation came after the Justice Department reported in Washington that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was concerned about the ultra-conservative John Birch Society.

The society is named for an American Missionary killed by the Chinese Communists shortly after the end of World War II. Founders of the Society regard him as the first victim of the cold war.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., vice-chairman of the Senate subcommittee said he would raise the possibility of a Senate investigation of the anti-Communist group. Other members of Congress pressed for an investigation.

EARLIER yesterday, Welch had no comment on criticism of his group and demands for an investigation. But yesterday afternoon, a secretary who declined to answer any questions, telephoned United Press International to announce that Welch had asked for an investigation.

"As many of our members as your committee may wish will gladly testify about the background, methods, purposes and specific activities of the society," Welch told Eastland. "And we repeat our assurance made recently to the chairman of a committee in California that, unlike our Communist enemies, none of our members will plead the Fifth Amendment."

"All of our materials are wide open for anybody to purchase," he said.

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# Goldwater Discusses Birch Group

WASHINGTON (UPI — Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said today there would be "a lot of embarrassed people" in Congress if an investigation of the John Birch Society were launched.

The Senate GOP campaign chairman, leader of his party's conservative wing, said he knew "liberal Democrats as well as conservative Republicans" who belonged to the controversial organization.

Generally, Goldwater said, John Birch members are "impressive, intelligent people. He said the group's objective was to "fight Communism" and for that reason it should not be labelled "ultra-conservative."

THE SENATOR made it clear he would not embrace the writings of Robert Welch, retired Massachusetts candy maker who founded the society. He commented that Welch had "said some very unfortunate things."

But Goldwater could not recall having once said, as reported by Newsweek magazine, that the John Birch Society should "get rid of Bob Welch" and even other member demanding impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

(In New York a spokesman said Newsweek was "fully satisfied that Senator Goldwater's statement is accurate as quoted in the magazine.")

"I THINK every man has a right to say Warren should be impeached," Goldwater said. "But I don't agree with the assumption, just as I don't agree with a lot of Warren's decisions."

Some members of Congress, jolted by the anti-Warren campaign and by a Welch accusation that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was pro-Communist have, bitterly denounced the organization and called for its investigation. Senate Republican Whip Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., urged an inquiry last week.

Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, in a Senate speech Monday called the society a "fascist group" containing "right-wing crackpots." He termed Welch a "little Hitler" but he saw no need for an investigation.

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# **Liberals As Well As Conservatives In Birch Society, Says Goldwater**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — GOP Sen. Barry Goldwater yesterday said he knows liberal Democrats as well as conservative Republicans who are members of the John Birch Society.

The Arizona Republican, a spokesman for the GOP conservative bloc, told newsmen there would be "a lot of embarrassed people" in Congress if an investigation of the society were launched.

Reps. Edgar W. Hiestand and John H. Rousselot, both California Republicans, are the only members of Congress who have said they are members of the conservative organization.

Goldwater, Senate GOP campaign chairman, said any member of Congress would be foolish to denounce the anti-Communist society until he knew more about it. He said a hasty critic might find himself attacking some prominent residents of his city or state.

Some members of Congress have criticized the John Birch Society as a secret movement which they said could split the nation on the Communist issue. Some have called for an investigation.

Goldwater defended John Birch members as "generally impressive

intelligent people. He said the group's objective was to fight communism and for that reason it should not be labeled ultraconservative.

The senator made it clear he would not embrace the writings of Robert Welch, retired Massachusetts candy maker who founded the society. He remarked Welch had "said some very unfortunate things."

Goldwater could not recall having said, as reported by Newsweek magazine, that the society should "get rid of Bob Welch" and every other member demanding impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

In New York, a spokesman said Newsweek was "fully satisfied that Sen. Goldwater's statement is accurate as quoted."

Asked how he learned of the John Birch Society, Goldwater replied:

"Everywhere I've been around the country I have been getting questions from very attractive people, the very ones our party is trying to attract, asking what I think about the John Birch Society."

"I had to tell them honestly I didn't know anything about it. I hadn't read the society's prospectus. But I since have read it and have been told some change have been made."

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## Their Motives Are Showing

Several things are becoming clear in the hurricane of abuse being heaped on the John Birch Society. One is that some people with political motives hope to use the society as a club with which to make pulp of their political opponents. Sen. Barry Goldwater is one of those marked for destruction.

Senator Goldwater is not and has never been a member of the society. He is not responsible for anything its officials or members may have done or said. He has said what is entirely true and beyond debate by all but the most warped of doctrinaire Liberals — that the John Birch Society includes among its members and leaders some of America's most outstanding persons.

Despite Senator Goldwater's lack of association with the society, scarcely a day passes in which some member of the liberally oriented Washington press corps does not create an excuse for questioning the Arizonan about some facet of the society. The technique sets up a chance to link the two — Goldwater and the society — in the same "news" story.

The senator's conduct under the circumstances has been admirable. He has refused to join in the hysterical condemnation of an entire organization because of a few ancient remarks by its organizer which predated the organization itself. At the same time he has refused to give his political enemies the satisfaction of achieving what they are trying to do — make "Conservative" a nasty word.

We would have greater confidence in the justice of attacks on the John Birch Society if they did not branch out in so many directions from one small core of justified censure. The founder of the society has some criticism coming for past statements which, apparently, even he now regards as having been too extreme. Possibly there are other points on which criticism is valid.

But why try to use it to silence and discredit the whole Conservative movement? Particularly, why try to use it to bash in Barry Goldwater's political head, when he isn't even a member? Or is McCarthyism, not McCarthyism when a Liberal uses the technique?

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# Birch Society Discounted

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy yesterday said he feels the conservative John Birch Society has done more to hinder the fight against communism than to help it.

But he told his first news conference there was no evidence that the group was controlled by any outside influence or advocated violent overthrow of the government. He called the society "ridiculous" and "humorous."

It makes no contribution in

my estimation to the fight against communism," the President's brother said in reply to a question. "If anything, it is a hindrance."

The society says its main purpose is to combat communism.

In his first public statement on the organization, the attorney general said the Justice Department had found no evidence that the group had violated any federal law.

Pressed on how it arrived at

this conclusion, Kennedy said the department was not investigating the society "at the present time." He said it had received some complaints.

"I don't think anyone should pay any attention to them," he said.

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# Rousselot Defends Birch Society

By ELMER W. LAMMI

WASHINGTON (UPI) — "I've been a Communist dupe."

His right hand up, as if taking an oath, so declared Republican Representative John H. Rousselot of California.

"You can quote me. I'm willing to stand up before the American people and say I've been deceived by the Communists."

Thus did Rousselot dramatize his defense of the controversial John Birch Society.

The organization's prime purpose, the freshman Congressman

said, is to keep all Americans from becoming dupes of the Communists.

ROUSSELOT is one of only two congressmen who have identified themselves as members of the John Birch Society. The other is Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif. There have been reports that more members of Congress also belong to the society.

Rousselot maintains that one of the few persons who has never been duped by the Communists is Robert Welch, president of the John Birch Society. But for others, it is easy to be fooled, including himself, Rousselot said.

"When I was in college, I was told by my professors, by my textbooks and by the press that Mao Tse-tung was a peasant reformer, that all he wanted to do was to free the Chinese worker.

"But Mao has executed over 20 million Chinese people. He turned out to be one of the deceitful men of the Communist conspiracy.

"HERE'S another example of how I was taken in by the press, radio and television coverage of another agrarian reformer—Fidel Castro:

"Ed Sullivan stood up on his program and put his arm around Fidel and said, 'I want you to meet the George Washington of Cuba.' Again I was taken in. I was deceived."

"Does this mean that Sullivan was a Communist?" Rousselot asked rhetorically.

"No," he said with an emphatic shake of his head. "Sullivan was deceived, too. We both were dupes."

ROUSSELOT went on to say that it was easy for Americans to be deceived by the Communists. But he defended Welch as a "far-seeing, fine man" whom the Communists have not been able to deceive.

But how does Rousselot know that he is not being deceived by Welch?

"That's a fair question," Rousselot answered. "I know this man. I've met him on two occasions. In fact, I talked with him on the phone just the other day.

"I suppose he's made mistakes—we all do. But basically, he's been right. He's had harsh things to say. I don't agree entirely with him, but he should have a chance to be heard."

Rousselot said it was true that some members of the society had made "irresponsible" charges.

"BUT THAT doesn't mean that the society is totally bad, just because there have been some instances of impropriety," he said.

"It's wrong—at least I think it's wrong—to accuse another person of being a Communist without documentation, or without reasonable documentation."

However, he said, John Birch members are "people of integrity" who feel they have "the responsibility for exposing the Communist conspiracy in a positive way by speaking up."

"I know these people," he said. "They're not fascists. They can't run around with hoods and burn crosses like the Ku Klux Klan."

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## Letter To The Editor

# One If By Land, Two If By Sea

Editor, The Arizona Republic:

When we were organizing The John Birch Society several years ago, it seemed but a remote possibility that hard working, patriotic Robert Welch and his society would ever become front page news. Yet we recognized that should this happen, it must inevitably come from the Liberal left. No one, however, anticipated that this mild mannered evangelical American could stir up such a hot war of falsehoods and vilification as suddenly swept over the nation from New York to Los Angeles in early March of this year.

Its sudden eruption was first observed in Time magazine on March 10. Here the smooth, slick writers of Time pontificated in their inimitable way that:

"Among the U.S. brotherhoods dedicated to the fight against communism, nothing is quite like The John Birch Society. Except for an elite corps of leaders, its members shun personal publicity and their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy."

The next paragraph reveals that "student members of the society are trained to tell their cell leader of any Communist influence noted in classroom lectures; by phone parents belabor the offending teacher and his principal for apologies and admissions of guilt."

Then the sure fire anti anti-Communist block busters were released:

"Welch's Mein Kampf is a masterpiece of invective called The Politician."

"A prolific author (Welch), he has turned out reams of Red-baiting copy, including the Blue Book that guides the society's actions."

"MANY (CONSERVATIVES) object to the society's contempt for dissent from its views, feel that its militant words and thoughts are barely a goose step away from the formation of goon squads."

This was the opening salvo—"elite corps," "strictest secrecy," "Mein Kampf," "Red-baiting copy," "barely a goose step away," etc. Here you have the sure fire cliché of the American fellow traveler who hates Hitler, Franco, Trujillo and all dictators except Stalin, Khrushchev, Mao, Chou, Sukarno, Tito, Castro, Gomulka, and the wretched Hungarian who let the Russian tanks run over the children.

The next exhibit came from the Los Angeles Times quoting an anonymous informer: "He is the local boss of The John Birch Society (Wichita)—They organize in task forces' my host went on. They call schoolteachers and local college professors in the middle of the night and denounce them as Communists. They recruit kids as spies to take down classroom remarks of their teachers."

Pretty sinister creatures, these Birchers, who want to destroy that "academic freedom" that every egghead is dedicated to defend to the death.

Then the storm swept up the Potomac. The Washington Post (March 26) clucked a reproving tongue:

"The society has attracted this attention because of:

"Its strong views on many topics. It thinks that everything from increased spending for defense to federal aid to education is part of a Communist plot.

"The secrecy which surrounds the society and the amount of money which it has to spend."

Ugh! Pretty sinister stuff we say. No wonder "The Society has attracted attention because of."

BUT, AS EARLY as March 20, an alarmed senator, Mr. Young of North Dakota, felt obliged to apologize for referring to the local units of the society as cells.

Morris Ryskind, a columnist, wrote in the Los Angeles Times on March 19:

"Let me move on now to Mr. Chandler's (publisher of the Los Angeles Times) attacks against the society itself. He and I must have attended different meetings. I've been to three and I saw fairly prominent citizens. Nobody hailed anybody, nobody saluted any fuhrer, no plans were laid to take over the country. At one meeting I saw the film, 'Operation Abolition,' at another 'Communism on the Map,' an excellent documentary, and at the third we were urged to get our friends to wire Congress to stand firm on the Connally amendment."

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And he prefaced this expose of the secret activities of The John Birch Society.

"Mr. Otis Chandler came thundering down the front page of The Times last Sunday (March 12) shouting, 'One if by land, and two if by sea! The John Birch Society is coming.'

"Now the republic may be presumed safe, glory be, and the trembling citizens are slowly emerging from the caves—into which Mr. Chandler's cries, rather than the society, had scared them."

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**FINALLY WE CONCLUDE** this brief report on the storm that lashed America for more than a week, with the pungent words of a great American lawyer and Reutherian, Robert Kennedy, attorney general of the United States: "It (the JBS) makes no contribution in my estimation to the fight against communism. If anything, it is a hindrance." That, of course, is the reason why the Liberal left and the crypto-Communists got so excited. Thereupon Mr. Kennedy showed these misguided Birch people how to really cripple the Communist conspiracy in the U.S. A few days later, he ordered the release of the imprisoned Communist spy, Igor Melekh, a Russian U.N. employe.

Now, since Robert Welch of Massachusetts represents the old Protestant American stock which has been on the decline of late, and the Kennedys are scions of successful Boston Irish politicians, let us leave the last words to another man from Massachusetts, a great American churchman and patriot, Cardinal Cushing of Boston. The cardinal is an old friend and admirer of this Robert Welch.

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"**ANY MAN** who is fighting communism today on a top-flight level and who knows the methods and teaching of communism, that man is in trouble," says Cardinal Cushing.

General MacArthur fought the Communists and beat them. He was in trouble. He was dismissed from his command.

Senator McCarthy exposed the Communist traitors in our government and he was in trouble—disgraced and destroyed.

Now Robert Welch and the John Birch Society are in trouble.

Therefore, the moral of this short homily must be this. If you don't want to be in trouble, be Liberal. And it won't do you any harm if you stand four square on "academic freedom," the Fifth Amendment, your constitutional right to circumvent the Constitution, and your refusal to take a loyalty oath that you will not destroy the government of the United States by force.

FRANK CULLEN BROPHY

PLAYING INTO HANDS OF RUSSIA

## Birch Head Says Americans Duped

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Robert Welch, head of the controversial John Birch Society, says the American people and government leaders have been duped into thinking they were fighting communism when actually they were playing into the hands of Soviet Russia.

Welch, 61, a retired Belmont, Mass., candy maker, spoke for an hour and a half last night before an enthusiastic capacity crowd of 6,000 persons who paid a dollar apiece to get into Shrine Auditorium to hear him.

"For years," he said, "we have been taken steadily down the road to communism by steps supposedly designed, and presented to the American people, as ways of fighting communism. The whole foreign-aid program is an excellent example."

WELCH OUTLINED what he described as the Communist "principle of reversal" as their main weapon.

"By the 'liberation' of a country, for instance, such as Cuba,"

he said, "the Communists mean the imposing on Cuba of a tyrannical Communist dictatorship."

Pickets from the local Socialist party paraded in front of the auditorium before Welch spoke. He did not see them because he entered the auditorium through the stage door around the corner.

Some of the 25 pickets carried placards reading: "Stop the big lie! 1961 by Welch 1933 by Hitler," and "Welch a would-be dictator."

IN HIS DISSERTATION on the Communist principle of reversal, Welch mentioned the name of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and drew prolonged applause from the crowd.

Welch said the Communists have used the tactic which he described as "conquest by catch-phrase" when it suited their aims.

Welch said the Communists used

the catch-phrase technique in their battle against McCarthy: ("I like what McCarthy is trying to do, but I can't stand his methods.") In Roosevelt's election to a third presidential term: ("I can't stand Roosevelt but we must support him because of his foreign policy.") And in the Communist battle to block the late Sen. Robert A. Taft's nomination in 1952: ("I like Taft but he can't win.")

Welch said if Taft had been

elected president he "would have set the Communists back a whole generation in their plans for global conquest."

After his formal address Welch stood on the stage for half an hour answering questions from the audience. But he banned any questions from newsmen and refused to hold a press conference.

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## John Birch Group Chief To Talk Here

Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society and a figure of national controversy in recent weeks, will speak in Phoenix Friday night.

Demands for investigation of the right-wing, conservative group founded by Welch have been made in some quarters. Spokesmen for the John Birch Society, in turn, have declared they would welcome a probe of their activities.

Directed against communism and its influences, the society has been the subject of comment on the floor of Congress.

Welch, currently on a national speaking tour, will appear at 8 p.m. Friday in Hotel Westward Ho. The meeting is open to the public, and tickets will be sold at the door for \$1. Sponsors are Arizonaans for America, the Anti-Communism Movement of Arizona and the Elks to Fight Communism Committee.

A retired executive of a candy manufacturing firm, Welch is the author of "May God Forgive Us" and "The Life of John Birch," books dealing with communism. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, the U.S. Naval Academy and Harvard Law School, and is a former officer of the National Association of Manufacturers.

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## Conservative Meet Led By Birch Backer

CHICAGO (UPI)—An organizer for the John Birch Society yesterday presided at the opening of a "convention of conservatives" aimed at establishing a third political party.

Kent Courtney of New Orleans, Birch Society leader who describes himself as a "Taft-McCarthy-MacArthur type of conservative," was the acknowledged leader as 500 declared conservatives opened their three-day meeting.

Groups represented at the meeting included the trades policy committee, the National Apartment Owners Association and the National Right-to-Work Committee.

Courtney, who publishes the monthly, independent American Forum newspaper, acknowledged that the controversial John Birch Society would play a major role at the meeting. He said one third of the speakers on his program and many of the delegates were society members.

The society has come under fire on the floor of Congress and elsewhere. It has been attacked for its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren and a statement by its founder, Robert Welch, that former President Eisenhower was a conscious, dedicated agent of the Communist party.

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# ASU Prof Blasts John Birch Group

By BILL OVEREND

"The motto 'Down with Communism' that some anti-communists are today waving before society could just as well be 'Down With Truth' or 'Back to the Cave'."

Dr. Douglas Arner, ASU associate professor of Philosophy, made that statement Wednesday, speaking at the fourth program in a lecture series now being presented by the History, Philosophy and Political Science clubs.

The professor, who has taught at Princeton, attacked the John Birch Society and other anti-communist groups for their anti-intellectual, unethical, and fascist inclinations.

"These people don't really oppose Communism," he said. "They merely label as Communist anything and everything which they don't like."

"Their targets range from left-wingers to egg-heads, one-worlders, an do-gooders, and include such prominent Americans as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Earl Warren and Eleanor Roosevelt."

Anti-communism as it is practiced today, Dr. Arner pointed out, is merely an extension of Nietzsche's concept of the Naysayer.

"The Naysayer," he said, "is one who opposes evil because he feels it impossible to support good. He never quite gets around to making a stand for truth or justice — he's too busy with his self-appointed task of hiding the world of evil."

"This is a basic cause of anti-communism, and starts bored housewives and old men scurrying with excitement, their adrenal glands pumping, to look under their beds for Communist spys."

Dr. Arner added that today the Naysayer's attack on Communism is leveled principally at the intellectual.

"Rationality sets the Naysayer to snarling. Anti-communists are most vociferously opposed to negotiation through such institutions as the United Nations and the World Court. They also attack those who support them," he said.

He also branded as misleading the claims of anti-communists that their goals are patriotic, and in support of the Constitution.

"The patriotism they are dedicated to seems to me to lead to Dachau and the Siberian salt mines," he warned. "These people recognize no standards by which they or America must be judged."

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By George E. Sokolsky:

## Rigid Conformity Behind Order To Leave John Birch Society

Every day in come announcements of new organizations that are excited about one or another phase of public life. One hears much about the apathy of the American people, but no people is apathetic which has so many organizations to tell its rulers how to rule.

The National Committee for a Representative Congress is a conservative organization whose letterhead bears many distinguished names. In its statement of its purposes, this organization says that it is:

"An independent, non-partisan group of public-spirited citizens, neither 'rightists' nor 'leftists,' nationally organized to give recognition, and support where needed, to selected senators and congressmen taken not on a basis of their political party or philosophy, but solely on their individual records of outstanding courageous public service."

THIS RESORT to individual rather than party support is interpretable as being designed to help favorite candidates with campaign contributions, which is no sin. Apparently, those who manage this committee discovered that some of its members also belong to the John Birch Society and they will have none of it. Robert Austin, chairman of the National Committee for a Representative Congress, says:

"I am asking any members of the National Committee for a Representative Congress who may have joined the John Birch Society to drop their society membership or else withdraw from membership in the NCRC."

This is indeed a challenge. It denies a man the right to believe that both these organizations are worthy. It is a form of monolithism which those who do not like the Communist way find so reprehensible, namely, that one man should dictate to another, that membership in an organization includes independence of

thought. Of course, most churches adhere to this position, each maintaining that it has been chosen by God as an instrument for His will. However, when this exclusiveness enters politics, it is somehow abhorrent.

AUSTIN FURTHER SAYS: "We do not down-grade the Communist menace in any respect, but we feel it is a proper function of our government to protect us from this danger. We believe the FBI and the two congressional committees, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee are actively and conscientiously trying to do this . . ."

Suppose they are, does that preclude citizens from organizing to fight a cause with which they disagree? If the Communists may organize to be Communists, may not the anti-Communists organize for their purposes? If the FBI and the house and senate committees are to do all our thinking, our complaining and protesting, why does such an organization as this one exist? Is it merely to say amen to what the FBI and the two committees have to say?

I BATTLE for thoughtful, erudite, meaningful conservatism, but when I read such a release as the one from the National Committee for a Representative Congress, I wonder what kind of a country this has become. According to this committee's precepts, absolute conformity is essential to good government. Under such a concept, the Lincoln-Douglas debates would have been outlawed as slanders upon government leaders, and such an editor as Horace Greeley would have to be horse-whipped for having views of his own.

In fact, what this committee proposes is a static country, one that does not grow and does not change, despite wars and sputniks.

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# Goddard Attacks John Birch Society

TUCSON—Democratic State Chairman Samuel P. Goddard Jr. of Tucson, yesterday blasted the John Birch Society for what he termed "secrecy tactics and the attitude of fear created by the society."

"One of the dangers of a group of this kind is that they apparently don't have faith in the government of the people. This type of tactic could lead to an oligarchic society, a self-appointed group that would tell us how to run the government," Goddard said.

He spoke at a noon luncheon of the Tucson Young Democrats yesterday.

GODDARD SAID he is confident that the John Birch society wants to form this oligarchic-type government.

"They don't want to trust the people and the spread of fear of communism is a means to that end," he declared.

Goddard named five Phoenixans who, he said, are active in the society's movement and "form an interesting list." Named were M. T. Phelps, 2323 W. Olive Dr., former chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, and identified by

Goddard as a member of the society's national council. Also named were banker Frank Cullen Brophy, 601 N. Central; attorney Clarence J. Duncan, 354 W. Edgemont; Mrs. V. M. Haldiman, 124 E. Palm Lane; and Edwin McDowell, an Arizona Republic editorial writer. Goddard said the latter four are members of the society's committee of en-

dorsees for Arizona. Goddard read from a membership agreement which he said prospective members of the society must sign before consideration:

"If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at any time by a duly appointed officer of the society without the reason being stated on refund of the prorata part of my dues paid in advance."

"This revokable membership without stating a cause, is totalitarianism in its worst form," Goddard declared.

GODDARD'S remarks followed a talk by Ben Foote, Democratic Party administrator from Phoenix. Foote apologized to Democrats of the second congressional district for what he termed the intrusion of John Rhodes, first district congressman, into the second district race. He called Rhodes "a declining balance Republican."

Foote said Rhodes tried to embarrass Democratic candidate Morris K. Udall by claiming his brother, Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, had requested more money for Navajo schools than is really necessary.

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## Birch Society Head Terms Integration Local Matter

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP). — of the nation's most controversial figures recently, agreed with Robert Welch, founder of the controversial John Birch society, to answer the question about segregation only to answer the question about segregation.

clarified his stand on the segregation issue in a brief interview upon his arrival at Shreveport yesterday.

"We are against forced integration and I underline the word forced," he said. "Integration is all right where the people want it. But as to the integration problem in the schools, it should be left up to the local people."

Welch said he was against forced integration.

The retired Massachusetts manufacturer, who has become one

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Phoenix,  
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Dear Sirs,

It would be appreciated if you could send me this information. Is the John Birch Society an Anti-Communist group or is this a front. Do you have any literature on this group?

We are trying to inform the people in our community about the threat of communism and what they can do to prevent it from happening.

Since we are a small group, we are looking for either free or inexpensive literature. Can your provide us with this or tell us where it can be obtained?

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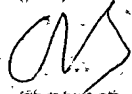
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Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of April 28, 1961, please be advised that the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not have the authority and therefore cannot give you an evaluation of any particular group or individual.

I am sending some pamphlets which have been issued by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of this Bureau, which may be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

  
E. L. BOYLE  
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# Young Democrats Rap John Birch Society

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TEMPE—Young Democrats of Arizona have gone on record as disapproving the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Subcommittee and have asked Congress to define methods to be used in their operation.

AMONG OTHER resolutions adopted in state convention here were those condemning methods of the John Birch Society; disapproving compulsory ROTC in universities and colleges and asking that it be made voluntary; recommending state legislation against discrimination in places of public accommodation; petitioning Congress to redistrict Arizona so that one-third of the population is in each congressional district; approving the National Education Assistance Act; and approving abolishing capital punishment in Arizona.

William P. Mahoney Jr., Phoenix lawyer and a leader in the Kennedy-Johnson campaign in Arizona in 1960, told delegates that reports of a rift between President Kennedy and Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall are "ridiculous" and added: "Some think he will be the best secretary ever."

SAMUEL P. GODDARD of Tucson, state chairman, attacked Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., and his conservative policies and asserted the Goldwater philosophy is: "I've got mine—the rest of you drop dead."

Charles Johnston, 312 W. Marlette, a lawyer, was elected president of the organization; Dick Duffield, Tucson, first vice presi-

dent; Dolores Salvatierra, Tucson, second vice president; Karen Burridge, Phoenix, secretary; Joe Soble, Tucson, treasurer; William Fikner, Scottsdale, national committeeman; and Mrs. Francis Frishberg, 4419 N. Sixth Ave., national committeewoman.

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# Bar Slaps John Birch Group Stand

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The far-right John Birch Society came in for strong criticism from the rostrum of the American Bar Association at its 84th annual convention yesterday.

ABA President Whitney North Seymour asserted that by sponsoring an essay contest among college students on "grounds for impeachment" of Chief Justice Earl Warren, the society is engaging in deplorable "personal vilification."

NO RESPONSIBLE lawyer will encourage such conduct, Seymour asserted, and delegates applauded him roundly.

Seymour said that the society, by "false implications" of misconduct on Warren's part, is leading ignorant people "into disrespect for our institutions which maintain liberty under law."

"Let us leave such attacks to the Communists, who hate our institutions," the speaker said.

Robert H. Weir Jr., president of the John Birch Society, recently announced the essay contest, with a top prize of \$1,000. He charged that U.S. Supreme Court decisions under Warren's leadership have helped Communist causes.

THE ABA, with 102,000 members, began its convention yesterday with 10,000 delegates, wives and other relatives present. Its governing body, the house of delegates, has before it for discussion later in the week, a number of committee reports.

One, submitted by the bill of rights committee, said the legal issue of racial segregation in the south has now been "solidly settled" and urged Southern states, in effect, to give up their fight to maintain the color line.

There were prospects of vigorous debate on this. One committee member, Alfred J. Schweppe of Seattle, Wash., filed a separate report calling the Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation unconstitutional.

The ABA resolutions committee yesterday afternoon approved a resolution urging state and local bar associations to work vigorously with senators and others so that highly-qualified men will be proposed for federal judgeships.

PRAISE for the way President Kennedy is working is working with the ABA to obtain judges of high calibre was voted in a report by the committee on the federal judiciary, headed by Bernard G. Segal, Philadelphia.

It was pointed out that Kennedy will make perhaps 120 appointments to the federal bench in his first year—more than any other President has made in four years. This is partly because of the recent law creating 73 new judgeships.

The house of delegates yesterday formally elected John C. Satterfield of Yazoo, City, Miss., as president, to take office Friday. He has been serving as president-elect for a year. Named as the new president-elect, to take office in August 1962, was Sylvester C. Smith, Jr., of West Orange, N. J.

In a speech last night, Henry R. Luce, editor of Time-Life-Fortune, said this opportunity to appoint so many judges "puts" a blazing spotlight on our new president.

"Now let us assume," Luce said, "that the President and the attorney general do a good job. Then surely that would be the signal for every judge in America to measure himself by the highest modern standards—to speed up reform in his own court, to resign if he is too old and feeble, and in some cases, mirabile dictu (marvelous to relate) to open his court at 9 a.m."

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RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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(PX 62-795)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
244 W. Osborn Rd.  
Phoenix, Arizona

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in hopes that you can give me information concerning a society which in my mind may or may not be affiliated with the Communist party. This Society is the John Burch Society.

I have worked as a Police Investigator with the Air Force and the schooling I did have in this field makes me wonder. Also, my friends and people I meet in every day business seems to have this same question.

I would appreciate any information you could give me concerning this Society.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Cheves, Jr.*  
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1037-E-7th Pl.  
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Mr. C. W. Cheves, Jr.  
1037 East 7th Place  
Mesa, Arizona

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter  
dated November 14, 1961.

Please be advised that the FBI being an investiga-  
tive agency cannot afford you an evaluation of any particular  
group or individual.

Very truly yours,

  
E. L. BOYLE  
Special Agent in Charge

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HELEN ECHEVERRIA  
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CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA

December 11, 1961

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inquire about the John Birch Society. I have heard and read a great deal concerning the pros and cons of the methods of fighting communism through this organization. I would like to know, are they really on the up and up, or simply a group of modern muckrakers. Do they achieve anything besides alarming headlines? Are they communist or do they fight communism? I would like to know, if they are on the level, who to write to in order to become a member. Do they help you, or hinder you?

If you do not approve of this organization, please give me the name of one that you think is doing a good job. I want very much to help, in however small way I can.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, *H*  
Mrs. *Helen Echeverria*

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Phoenix 1, Arizona  
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Mrs. R. L. Echeverria  
1144 E. McMurray Boulevard  
Casa Grande, Arizona

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Mrs. Echeverria:

In reply to your letter of December 11, 1961, please be advised that while I appreciate your good intentions, it is not possible for this Bureau to adopt the function of evaluating or recommending any organization. We are an investigative body, whose investigations are made for the purpose of supplying only official departments with facts gained during an investigation. I am sorry that I am not able to be of more help to you.

Very truly yours,

  
E. L. BOYLE  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Goldwater Wire Blasts Post 'Smear'

SEN. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., yesterday protested to the publisher of the Washington Post what he called that newspaper's "deliberate attempt to smear the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County" by calling the area a "Valley of Fear."

His telegram went to Philip L. Graham, president of the Washington Post Co.

THE POST article, written by Chalmers Roberts, its political writer, was based on an interview with former Supreme Court Justice Marlin R. Phelps, a leader of the John Birch Society.

It asserted that "embattled Democrats" say Phelps is trans-

forming the Valley of the Sun into a Valley of Fear.

Valley Democratic leaders

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reached by The Republic Wednesday repudiated that statement.

The text of Goldwater's telegram to Graham:

"Reference is made to Article 3 of your series, 'Thunder on the Right,' written by Chalmers Roberts and published in the Washington Post on Dec. 20, 1961. This deliberate attempt to smear the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County in Arizona by depicting it as a 'Valley of Fear' to serve the left-wing purposes of your news-

paper is deeply resented by myself and every honest citizen in the State of Arizona; both Democrat and Republican.

"I DON'T MIND the many distortions your editorial writers, cartoonists and reporters indulge in to try to place me in an unfavorable light, but I resent from the bottom of my heart the deliberate lie published about my home community.

"How a 'Valley of Fear' can be, at the same time, one of the fastest growing communities in the nation not only strains the credulity of Washington Post readers, but also marks your publication as extremist in the art of misrepresentation and irresponsibility."

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## Valley Of Fear Label Laid To Sam Goddard

Stephen Shaddegg, Arizona Republican Party chairman, yesterday accused Sam Goddard, Tucson attorney and state Democratic chairman, of originating the "Valley of Fear" label for the Salt River Valley.

In a prepared statement, Shaddegg asserted Goddard's tag was picked up by the Washington Post in a Wednesday article as part of a planned campaign to discredit Arizona conservatives.

"The Washington Post story reported in The Arizona Republic Dec. 21 should not surprise or startle residents of the Valley of the Sun," Shaddegg said. "The Post merely repeats Democrat State Chairman Sam Goddard, who first called our area 'the Valley of Fear' in a speech delivered to Democrats in Globe on Oct. 20."

THE POST, Shaddegg said "has just given wider circulation to what is apparently a planned, and calculated course of action designed to discredit Arizona conservatives who are followers of U. S. Sen. Barry Goldwater."

"It is ridiculous," he continued, "to call the fastest growing city in the United States the Valley of Fear, and when this charge comes from the East Coast, where citizens are warned not to go outside at night into parks, it becomes more incongruous."

Shaddegg said the Eastern experts also "tried to call the recent victory of the Phoenix city charter ticket a repudiation of Goldwater, as part of their display of hysteria."

"THE POST writer lives 3,000 miles from Phoenix and can perhaps be forgiven for his lack of understanding," Shaddegg said. "Mr. Goddard lives less than 120 miles from Phoenix. He has at his command an able staff of competent people. It is more difficult to find justification for the state

chairman of the Democrat party to label an area of the state he serves as "The Valley of Fear" merely because his party's candidates have not been victorious in every recent election contest.

"Ben Foote (Democratic party Administrator for Arizona) knows better than this, and Sam should know better than this," Shaddegg said.



CARL BIMSON



JOHN M. JACOBS

# 'Fear' Tag Stirs Scorn

By BEN AVERY

Community leaders yesterday repudiated the Washington Post's description of the Valley of the Sun as a "Valley of Fear," and declared it is more properly a Valley of Frontier Courage and Opportunity.

Many of those with whom the Post article was discussed, said they would not dignify it with any comment because it is so ridiculous. "that the American people will see it for what it is, a dig at Sen. Goldwater and conservatism."

Others challenged the Post to send a reporter to Arizona to write the facts about the Valley's growth, the pioneering spirit of even its new citizens who came here to carve out their future, and the freedom of discussion on all sides of controversial issues.

The article was published this week as a "news analysis" by Chalmers Roberts, a Post political writer. It was based on an interview with Marlin T. Phelps, former Arizona Supreme Court justice and outspoken member of the national council of the John Birch Society.

Roberts wrote: "Embattled Democrats, conservative as well as liberal, point to him (Phelps) as the leader in transforming Phoenix's claim to be 'the Valley of the Sun' into what some of them call 'the Valley of Fear.'"

The Post story did not identify

the "embattled Democrats" it referred to. However, Valley Democratic leaders contacted by The Arizona Republic for the most part strongly disagreed with the Washington newspaper's "analysis."

Yesterday, Carl Bimson, president of the Valley National Bank, described the Washington article as the "most distorted story" he had ever seen. He concluded that the author must have been ill-informed or ill-advised.

"There is no fear for the future here," he said. "The people of this valley are confident of continued prosperity, continued growth, and continued sound government at all levels."

"Traditionally Arizona is a conservative state," he added. "It was made up originally of rugged pioneers who were dependent on their own resources, and the newcomers to Arizona have mostly been younger people seeking new frontiers and filled with a venturesome spirit."

"This valley is anything but a valley of fear—it is a valley of opportunity," Bimson said.

"This could conceivably be another attack by the Post on Sen. Goldwater," Bimson added, saying that he feels sure "that newspaper's feelings are not widely shared because most of the newspapers of the East and South are singing the senator's praises."

John M. Jacobs, farmer-ranch-

er and Arizona developer, challenged the Post's writer to come out and explore Arizona for facts.

"He will find out how solid the people of this state and valley are," Jacobs said. "He won't find any fear, he won't find hands stretched out to Washington."

And, Jacobs added, the writer would not be able "to smear Arizona or conservatism with what he finds here, if he reports facts without resorting again to his imagination."

Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz., in a typical Hayden statement, declared with a chuckle:

"I read the news in the Washington Post, but I pay very little attention to their editorials."

Jack Williams, former mayor, columnist, and KOY radio executive, declared that if this is a valley of fear, "it must be a valley of cowards because only cowards fear."

"The truth is," he said, "the liberal writers and the liberal editors of the Washington Post are aghast at the accuracy and power of the conservative argument."

"It is my opinion," he continued, "that more sincere discussion of the fundamental issues that need solution in this country goes on in this valley and other population centers of this state than anywhere else in the country. Both sides are vociferous and both sides speak right up here."

Lawson V. Smith, general man-

ager of Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., said his reaction to the Post story was a long, loud chuckle.

"No. 1, it was not accurate," he said. "And No. 2, it should not be taken seriously."

Smith said he is sure the American people can see through such obviously distorted and slanted articles.

Mayor Sam Mardian declared: "It is obvious that the article in the Post was aimed at hurting Sen. Goldwater, who is a symbol of conservatism and it could not have been more inaccurate" when it termed this valley a valley of fear.

"This is a valley of confidence and faith in the future," the mayor said.

"Articles such as that appearing in the Post merely confuse the issue," he added. "The peddlers of fear, and I think there are peddlers of fear today, are not on the far right as they claim to be. They cannot be placed on the political spectrum either right or left. They are just way out in orbit somewhere, out of touch with reality."

"Any attempt to associate these people with conservatism is misleading," Mayor Mardian continued. "This 'far out' group wants to be associated with conservatism, and there are certain elements anxious to discredit conservatism who obli-



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Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is, There Is Liberty  
II Corinthians 3:17

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*The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor;  
let them be taken in the devices that they have  
imagined.—Psalm 10:2.*

## Who's Afraid?

Those Paul Reveres of liberalism, the editors of the Washington Post, are busily warning the Eastern seaboard that the conservatives are coming. A series of stories headed "Thunder on the Right" is alerting the Post's readers to the horrendous dangers that face the nation because Americans are forming discussion groups, attending anti-Communist schools, criticizing the United Nations, questioning the right of the federal government to run the local schools, doubting the infallibility of the Supreme Court, wondering what's gone wrong with foreign policy, and generally taking the duties of citizenship seriously.

On Tuesday, the Post got around to Phoenix in its report of what the liberals like to call the Radical Right. The piece was written by Post Man Chalmers M. Roberts and for some unexplained reason was labelled "News Analysis." It was neither news nor analysis. Perhaps the most succinct comment on the article was made by Luther Meeker, a Phoenician who said quite simply, "It stinks."

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Most of the article consisted of an interview with Judge M. T. Phelps, a highly respected former member of the Arizona Supreme Court, who was labelled the leader of the ultra-right in Arizona. Nothing the Post can say about Judge Phelps will destroy the record of his long and honorable service in behalf of the people of this state. Nor is there any need for us to defend that record here and now.

The meat of the Post article was the incredible statement that the Valley of the Sun was being changed to the "Valley of Fear" by the "thunder on the right." This assessment was attributed to "embattled Democrats" who were not identified by name.

Many conservative Arizonans, including Judge Phelps, are Democrats. But they aren't afraid of any noise coming from the right wing of the political spectrum. They are undoubtedly worried about Cuba and Laos and Berlin. They unquestionably are angry at the inroads the federal government is making on states' rights. They certainly are appalled by the advances of communism and socialism abroad and at home.

But the sun still shines in the Valley of the Sun, and people retain their confidence in their ability to meet the problems of the day. The editors of The Washington Post can look much closer to home to find the sources of the fears that perplex this great nation today. Arizona, a key factor in the conservative movement now rolling across the country, may be the source of fear on the part of liberal politicians whose false gods are being demolished. But that movement isn't scaring many rank-and-file Americans, here or elsewhere.

# Post Calls Phoenix 'Valley Of Fear'

Republic Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Embattled Arizona Democrats point to former Arizona Supreme Court Justice M. T. Phelps as the leader in transforming Phoenix from "The Valley of the Sun" into "The Valley of Fear," The Washington Post said yesterday.

The Post story, tagged "news analysis," described Phelps as the "white-haired, 81-year-old ramrod-straight . . . high priest of the ultra-right in his state."

The story pointed out that Phelps was defeated for re-election last year.

"JUDGE PHELPS, as everyone calls him," it said, "is on the national council of the John Birch Society and he is one of the judges in the 'Impeach Earl Warren' essay contest."

Writer Chalmers Roberts based his story on an interview with Phelps at the latter's home in Phoenix.

"Phelps, who came from Tennessee to Arizona a year after it became a state in 1912," wrote Roberts, "lives in an orange grove on the edge of Phoenix. There he told this reporter he believes American negotiation with the Soviet Union equals appeasement and that this country should sign no disarmament agreement regardless of any inspection of control measures."

"Phelps is against the United States in the U.N., the U.N. itself, all foreign aid, public housing and the income tax," the Post story said. "He would send American troops into Cuba to destroy Fidel Castro. He thinks the federal budget ought to go down to \$40 billion and he calls Sen. Barry Goldwater 'my friend' and tells of

long conversations he has had with the senator."

"Phelps denies that the (John) Birchers were directly involved in the recent Phoenix election," Roberts said, "in which an ultra-right ticket called the Stay America Committee gave the conservative incumbent slate a scare at the polls."

The Post story claimed that "charges of communism have been hurled in Phoenix area school board elections; Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union are suspect; the city has been saturated with anticommunism rallies and meetings and 'Be A Hard Core American' stickers abound on auto bumpers and city trash baskets."

PHOENIX has been "stirred up," said the story, by anticommunism schools and has found "Operation Abolition," the House Un-American Activities Committee film, "standard fare."

"Yet it is unclear how far the right tide is going even in Phoenix," the Post said, "where Barry Goldwater certainly has wide popularity."

"Phelps himself was defeated; the rightists lost the city election and a poll of the Arizona Education Association last spring showed a better than 2-to-1 vote in favor of federal aid to education."

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Bill Stephens, D-Maricopa, said: "The story is a disservice to the conservative element."

He struck out at both far-left and far-right extremists.

"These people ought to be brought to a halt," he said. "The people have abdicated to extremists on both left and right. I'm hopeful both parties will throw both groups out."

Stephens said he did not think the article was directed against Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. But he said Goldwater should take a definite stand against the ultra-right.

State Auditor Jewel Jordan, Democrat, said after the article was read to her over the phone:

"I don't believe there is a Santa Claus now!"

SHE SAID emphatically, "I don't think this is a valley of fear. I'm not afraid to say what I think. People all over are aware; we're not just sticking our heads in the ground."

State Sen. Joseph Haldiman Jr., D-Maricopa, said that as far as he is concerned, there is no more to "fear from the extreme right wing than the extreme left wing." Haldiman claimed both groups have their place in American politics.

Each of the Democratic politicians felt the article was not aimed at Sen. Goldwater. Nor did they feel Judge Phelps was expressing more than a personal opinion in the interview.

COMMENTS BY persons on the street ranged from agreement to remarks that the statement was "crazy," and "ridiculous."

Herb Ely, 27, 3934 W. Palmyra Drive, an attorney. — "Sure, valley of fear is justified. A lot of dissension has been caused by the right wing here. They're people seeking their own end, and it's a basic hypocrisy. I don't think these people have good motives."

Mrs. Florence Bishop, 48, 2010 W. Madison, school crossing guard. — "I don't really believe it is. But there is something frightening about ultra-conservatives. Anything that's a slap at Barry Goldwater, I'm for. But Phelps doesn't have the same influence."

A. P. O'ROURKE, 65, 717 W. Latham, retired train dispatcher. — "I know Judge Phelps. He was a former train dispatcher. I have a strong feeling for his keen sense of loyalty. The judge's influence on other people? I don't know."

W. W. Glass, 47, 7555 N. 16th Lane, woodworker. — "I haven't heard of anybody being afraid here. Even the extreme right isn't to be feared as long as people go to the polls. I believe Goldwater's done too many good things to deserve this slap."

Stan Gilbert, 31, 502 W. Roosevelt, photographer. — "I don't think this place is to be feared any more than any other place. There are extremists in politics everywhere you go."

LUTHER MEERER, 57, 1936 E. Cypress, manager of the Federal Building. — "I think it stinks. It's ridiculous. I've been here 33 years, and I've never found it like that. I think I even voted for Judge Phelps myself, but I don't think he still has any influence."

Irvin Von Gnechten, 39, 513 W. Culver, Scottsdale, accountant. — "This is definitely not a valley of fear. We have a good government and a good city."

William Wycott, 59, 2029 N. Richland, insurance agent. — "That man has just gone crazy, that's all. Valley of the Sun is the right name for this place. If Phelps is against the U.N., I think he's wrong; but I don't know the man at all."

## ULTRA-RIGHT BLAMED

# Phoenix Labeled 'Valley Of Fear'

By LOU HINER  
Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A newspaper story here today described unidentified "embattled Democrats" in Arizona as fearing Phoenix's "Valley of the Sun" slogan is being changed to "Valley of Fear" by Conservative elements.

The third in a Washington Post series called "Thunder on the Right" discussed conservatism in the Phoenix area. The article by Chalmers M. Roberts was identified as "news analysis."

"Marlin Theophilus Phelps, a white-haired, 81-year-old ramrod-straight former chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, is the high priest of the ultra-right in his state," the article began.

AFTER NOTING Judge Phelps was defeated for re-election in 1960, the Roberts' story identified him as being on the national council of the John Birch Society and one of the judges in the "impeach Earl Warren" essay contest.

Based on a recent interview with Phelps, the article continued:

"Phelps denies that the Birchers were directly involved in the recent Phoenix election in which an ultra-right ticket called the 'Stay American Committee' gave the Conservative incumbent slate a scare at the polls. Others say the Birchers were in it up to their necks.

"Phelps and others were active in collection of 10,477 signatures on a petition to repeal the city's housing code after a row over admission of a city inspector to a private home. The city council did repeal the entire code and it



JUDGE M. T. PHELPS  
Called Leader Of Ultra-Right

killed off an urban renewal scheme to boot."

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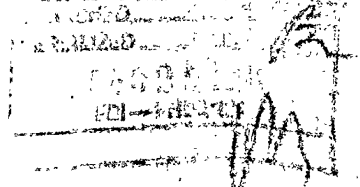
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as being plastered with "Be a Hard Core American" stickers.

"Phoenix, like Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles and Omaha, has been stirred up by Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, the Australian physician turned 'professional anti-Communist,' and his 'schools' of anti-communism," the article continued.

"In Mesa, a Phoenix suburb, the school board purchased \$20 tickets to the 'school' for teachers who would attend to hear, among other things, Schwarz's prediction that at the present rate of progress, communism will conquer the United States in 1973."

Roberts wrote that an unidentified Phoenix school teacher who presented criticism of the House un-American Activities Committee's film of San Francisco riots found his contract was not renewed.

"YET IT IS unclear how far the right tide is going even in Phoenix, where Barry Goldwater conservatism certainly has wide popularity," the Post article noted.

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## Page Harry Truman

We've about had it . . . up to HERE . . . with all this gab and tear-shedding over a soldier named Walker.

The twin papers from just west of here are giving plenty of space to Walker's alleged words of wisdom ever since he was "voluntarily" dropped from active army duty.

Now comes Senator J. Strom Thurmond, a Democrat from South Carolina, who says American military leaders (he means Gen. Walker) were "muzzled" on what he (Thurmond) call "anti-communist statements" on order "direct from Moscow."

We ask you . .

Could anything be sillier?

To start with, Walker was NOT muzzled on "anti-communist statements" but rather for attempting to indoctrinate his troops (and your sons) after repeated warnings from his military superiors with so-called John Birch society-type propaganda.

If you read the revealing columns by Drew Pearson in this newspaper . . . and never underestimate that guy Pearson, whether or not you like him . . . you'd have noted the REAL accusations proven on this guy Walker.

We regret that President Kennedy didn't do to the guy what Walker himself would have done to ANY soldier under his command for the same thing . . . TIE THE CAN ON HIM!

Somehow, we miss Harry Truman and his direct approach . . . his manner of facing up to things, and calling spades, spades.

Harry would have made short shift!

Back to this guy Strom Thurmond . .

His statement is of a piece with Robert Welch's oft-reported claim that President Eisenhower is a communist and that his boss (and head of all American communists) is ( )'s brother, Milton Eisenhower.

Few citizens take ( )'s statements seriously.

But what is serious is that a man daffy enough to make the statements Thurmond has made can be elected to the Senate of the United States.

Or, the man whom he is defending was none other than a division commander over a host of young men like those of Tempe who are nothing less than red-blooded Americans.

John  
RE: BIRCH SOCIETY

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Apache Junction,  
Arizona,  
March 15, 1962.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
244 W. Osborn Rd.,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I do not belong to and have never belonged to and am strongly against the John F. Birch Society, because my experience, with the people here, in the State of Arizona, members of the John F. Birch Society, has proven to me, that the John F. Birch Society and the Communists are brothers.

I live in Apache Junction, Arizona but I, a citizen of a free country, the United States, might as well be living behind the Iron Curtain, as now I am and have been insulted, slandered and tormented by the John F. Birch Society members,

The John F. Birch Society members organize here, in Apache Junction, Arizona, into secret groups and they

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play most exceedingly mean, like the Reds.

I came to Arizona about eight years ago to care for my brother. He was eighty-five years old. A year ago their demonstrations and their actions killed my brother and their actions are ruining my health.

my brother was the first president of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and a very successful business man in Santa Barbara, California.

my trouble at Apache Junction in the State of Arizona started with the John F. Birch Society in the year 1958 but the awful trouble came in the year 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Belbeck purchased land across the road from my property for a subdivision. They filled in all their washes on their land, then later woke up to the fact, that they had no drainage, they began immediately to try to drain on my land.

I spent almost one thousand dollars on my front yard (which I could not afford) trying to keep them out, as their draining on my property would make my front yard a swamp.

Then for help Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Belbeck placed this problem in the hands of the John F. Birch Society.

On the north adjoining my property Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Geske are trying the same trick as the Belbecks to bring water into my front yard and also have called on the John F. Birch Society for help.

They employ dupes, including themselves, to try to snare me into the society so they can drain their land into my front yard and also without having trouble with the law.

The slander, insults and torments that I have endured for over four years from a society as this and for a society like this to have so much power is unbelievable and that such a thing as this could and would happen in the United States is unbelievable.

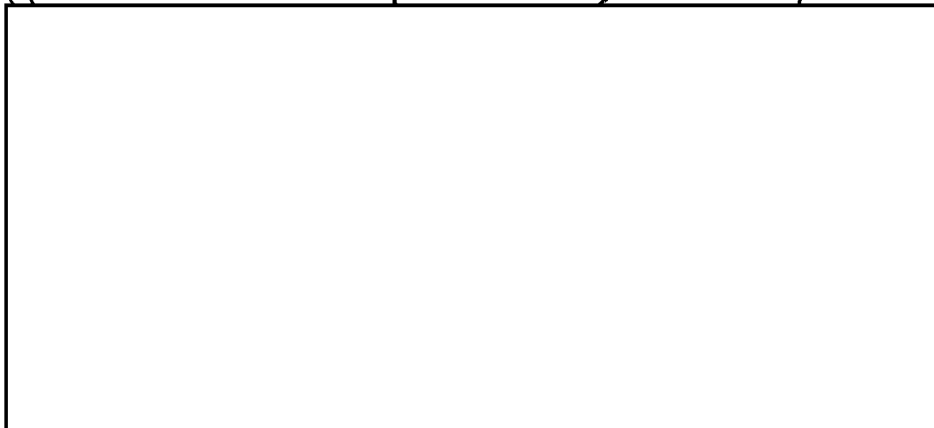
It is a disgrace to a civilized nation.

I know you are very busy these days but I am writing you for help because you are the only persons I can turn to.

I know that if this keeps up I can't live on my property very much longer and I have fear of my life, this is a most terrible thing.

Yours very truly,  
Hazel Rodman  
Rt. 2, Box 482,  
Apache Junction,  
Arizona.

I can't <sup>but</sup> help sending these two persons names to you as they are extremely, extremely bad too.



Phoenix, Arizona

March 20, 1962

Mrs. Hazel Rodman  
Route 2, Box 482  
Apache Junction  
Arizona

Dear Mrs. Rodman:

In reply to your letter of March 15, 1962, I regret to advise the matter mentioned therein does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I am sorry I cannot help you further in the matter, but it appears you may wish to consult legal counsel in the matter mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

  
E. L. BOYLE  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Journalman Assigned to Birch Probe

By BUD LANKER

I've been a newspaperman for 25 years. But this seemed to be the toughest assignment I'd ever had.

"Bud," said the city editor, "we'd like you to take a crack at joining the John Birch Society."

"A lot has been written about it. A lot has been said about it. And Phoenix is supposed to be one of its strongholds."

"But no newsman has really found out what it's like on the inside. What it is to be a member."

Frankly, I doubted if the society would even consider my application, let alone admit me as a full-fledged member.

It's founder, Robert Welch, insists membership lists must be top secret.

How then, I wondered, could I possibly become a member of an organization like that? Surely the John Birch Society must screen candidates for membership with a thoroughness that would have put the OSS to shame.

"We've thought of that," said the city editor. "And that's why we picked you to do the job. We know you've done some other out-of-character stories like this in your years of newspaper work."

That was true. I had lived the life of a derelict on Detroit's skid row for the Detroit Free Press, sleeping in flop houses and bumming handouts on the streets to obtain material for a prize-winning series of 16 articles.

I also did a series on gambling for the same newspaper, conning my way into gaming dens to place bets. I have posed as a bellboy in Detroit's Statler Hotel; a street car conductor, a Russian army officer and even a department store Santa Claus.

My Santa Claus disguise was good. I took an order from a little girl who didn't recognize her father.

I once hitchhiked to Hell to get another prize-winning story -- Hell, a hamlet in southern Michigan.

But to get into the John Birch Society looked like a horse of a different color. Something like a communist trying to infiltrate the FBI.

I didn't think I would have to use a disguise to get into the John Birch Society, but I did ask the city editor what could be done to prevent the Birch members from knowing I was working for the Journal.

This conversation took place weeks before the Journal published its first edition.

"We'll keep you under wraps. We'll give strict orders that no one is to place your by-line on any of your stories," the city editor said. "And only you and I and the managing editor will know that you are going to join the society."

We decided that if anyone asked me what my business was, I would tell them I am president of the B-K Root Beer Drive-Ins of Arizona Inc. This is true.

When I first came to Arizona several years ago, I bought

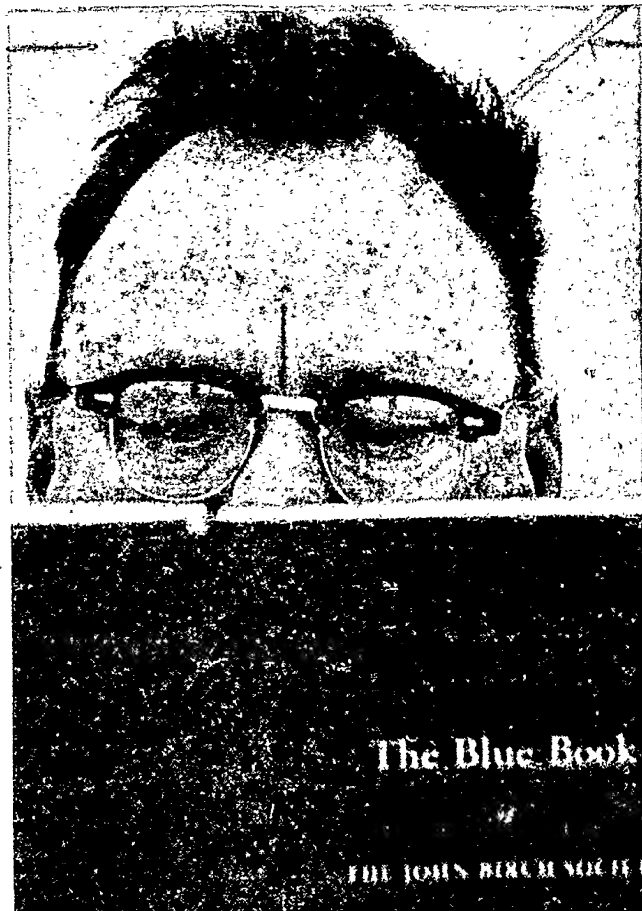
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THE JOURNAL'S Bud Lanker ponders bible of the John Birch Society, written by founder Robert Welch. (Journal photo by George Adams)

## ***His Assignment: Join Birch Group***

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the corporation which operates a soft drink and sandwich drive-in at 8904 N. Central.

Like I said before, I am president. But I also wash the root beer mugs on my days off from the Journal.

"I'm not sure I can get in the society, but I'm willing to give it a try," I told the city editor. "What do I do first?"

"You might as well start at the top," said the city editor.

"Frank Cullen Brophy is a member of the Birch Society's national council. Start there."

(Part two of Bud Lanker's series will appear Monday)

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## Winslow's National Guard Force Coming Home Aug. 1

ARIZONA'S 222ND Light Truck Transportation Company of Winslow will start home Aug. 1 from its Army National Guard headquarters at Ft. Ord, Calif., the Army announced yesterday.

The 70-man Winslow contingent was among Reserve and National Guard units called to active duty last October because of the Berlin crisis.

The Army released a demobilization schedule for more than 100 units as a follow-up to President Kennedy's announcement April 11 that Reservists and National Guardsmen of all the services would be returned to civilian life during August unless the international situation deteriorated seriously.

Reserve and National Guard units will depart for home between Aug. 1 and 11.

The Navy has announced plans to release its 8,000 Reservists and their 40 ships and 18 air squadrons Aug. 1.

The Air Force has not set any specific dates for releasing the Air Guardsmen and Reservists it mustered, but will do so during August.

overture to a whole symphony of nuclear experiments, some three dozen shots over the next two months, to improve the efficiency of U.S. nuclear weapons.

## Trio Elected In Williams

WILLIAMS (AP)—Harley Gonzales, a newcomer, and incumbents A. E. Payne and Robert Stokan yesterday were elected to four-year terms in Williams City Council.

Voters also approved 188 to 120 a leash law.

Gonzales received 230 votes, Payne 221 and Stokan 213. A fourth candidate, Carl Larmour, received 194.

Members will

When the U.S. SUPREME COURT denied the States their traditional right to prosecute for treason, and thereby freed a notorious Communist (Steve Nelson) convicted of the crime of conspiring to overthrow

## Did You Protest?

When GEN. MACARTHUR was not allowed to win the Korean War because the "internationalists" in the U.N. were opposed to victory —

## Did You Protest?

When GEN. WALKER developed the most effective anti-Communist fighting unit in the Army, and the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE relieved him of this command because an obscene little European publication (Overseas Weekly) denounced him —

# ?WHERE DID YOU STAND?

## Robb Says 'Far Right' Danger To U.S.

Columnist Inez Robb told 80 members of the Arizona Association of Deans of Women yesterday that the "far right" presents a serious danger to the United States.

Speaking at a meeting of the counseling leaders at a Camelback Inn luncheon, the syndicated writer declared that "those on the far right are fascists, the same as in Italy."

"The John Birch Society," she said, "is composed of people who don't want to pay taxes and who

are angry and unable to cope with the Twentieth Century. They are incapable of understanding its problems."

She called the Birch Society a divisive group that "tells lies about NATO and the U.N., turning Americans against Americans."

She called its members for the most part "traitorous, treacherous and cowardly," adding that "I refuse to spy on my neighbors."

Now, more than ever, she said, Americans must trust each other.

Facing a new renaissance in the Space Age, Americans have to have faith to meet the challenge, she declared.

"There is no threat from within," she asserted. "The real danger is from outside." Mrs. Robb added that she has implicit faith in the Justice Department under J. Edgar Hoover to handle the problem of internal security.

Mrs. Robb closed her talk by relating a number of entertaining experiences during her long and varied newspaper career.

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## THE PLOT THICKENS

# Writer Finds Birch-Joining Is Easy Task

BY BUD LANKER

Second of a series

I had been assigned by my newspaper, The Arizona Journal, to join the John Birch Society.

It was an assignment--an order. I was not too enthusiastic about it because I didn't believe the effort would be successful. But I decided to try.

I telephoned Frank Cullen Brophy, who lives at 7601 N. Central. He is a member of the Society's national council. His appointment had been announced in the January issue of the organization's bulletin. It was late January when I spoke with him.

Businessman Brophy and I didn't have much of a conversation, though he was cordial enough.

I simply told him I was interested in the John Birch Society because I wanted to fight Communism. "How can I make a contact and join up," I asked.

Brophy, who told me later in an interview that he did not take an "active" role in the Society here because of his many business interests, referred me to a man named Robert Chandler.

Chandler, it turned out, was one of the Society's coordinators in this area. He lives at 5728 N. 10th. Pl. I telephoned him.

I told Chandler exactly what I had told Brophy. I said I wanted to learn more about the John Birch Society.

He asked for my name, address and telephone number. Chandler said he would send me some literature and a copy of the "Blue Book."

"After you've read the material," he said, "call me again." I waited. And waited. Nothing happened.

I was certain I had been "investigated" and counted out.

I had read somewhere how the Birch Society thoroughly investigates prospective members before admitting them. Again I thought it was just wishful thinking on the part of the city editor, my trying to crash the inner sanctum of the Birch Society.

But I had to keep trying, at least.

I telephoned Chandler again.

It was several calls and several days later before I finally reached him. He had been working later than usual.

When I finally reached Chandler, he said he had not forgotten me but just hadn't gotten around to sending me the material. He promised he would. Soon.

A few days later I received two packages in the mail. One package contained the "Blue Book." It costs \$2 and I was to return it to Chandler after reading it. In the other package were some other circulars and pamphlets about

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the Birch Society.

I started reading. It was slow going. But I did as I was told to do. I read every bit of it religiously, because I wanted to be prepared to pass any examination on what I had read before I was admitted to the Birch Society.

I called Chandler a third time and told him I had completed the reading assignment. He said:

"All right, I'll arrange for you to attend a meeting in the near future."

He did just that.

A few days later, Feb. 6, to be exact, I arrived home to discover a woman named Charlotte Leader had telephoned. She wanted me to return the call.

In addition, I learned Chandler also had telephoned to make certain Mrs. Leader had gotten in touch with me.

I called Charlotte Leader, and she said:

"Bob Chandler telephoned me and said you were ready to join up."

"Yes," I replied, "I'd like to attend a few meetings and find out more about the John Birch Society."

"Well, you're welcome to attend a meeting in my home next Friday night," she said. "There will be several other new members present."

I promised I would be there and she gave me detailed instructions on how to reach her mountain-side home. It sounded a little complicated so I told her I would drive around in the day time to locate the place so I could find it in the dark.

I had to call Mrs. Leader back again and ask for further directions before I finally found our meeting place. At that meeting I became a member of the Society.

I had made my first contact with Brophy late in January. On Feb. 9, less than three weeks later, I attended my first meeting, paid my dues of \$2 a month and became a member.

I had been wrong—it was a victory for the city editor. For me, joining the John Birch Society had been as easy as joining the PTA. All I had to do was give my name, address and telephone number—and pay my dues.

(Next: I go to my first Birch Society Meeting.)



BUD LANKER, while preparing his series on a local chapter of the John Birch Society, did a vast amount of research. Here he goes to the files to check on background material.  
(Journal photo)

# Robb-Camelback Feud Still Simmers Sunday

The furor aroused by the eviction of Columnist Inez Robb from the plush Camelback Inn Saturday for criticizing its anti-Red library still echoed across the state Sunday.

In her Tucson home Miss Robb called the incident "extremely distasteful."

"There is nothing as distressing as a fight between women," she told the Arizona Journal. "It was embarrassing. Not for me, but for my husband. I was autographing books when he was ordered to leave the Inn in five minutes."

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The columnist said that J. Addison Robb, her husband of 33 years, kept the incident from her until her business was completed.

"Actually," she said "we had decided to leave the hotel the night before when we discovered the library. We only stayed, because of my commitment."

Miss Robb used the occasion of an address to members of the Arizona Association of Deans and Counselors to fire a blast at the hotel policy of providing guests with anti-Communist literature "instead of Gideon bibles."

Her attack led to the eviction by the owners of the Inn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart, who summarily ordered the Robbs to leave.

Stewart said Sunday had to send employees into Scottsdale to buy copies of the Journal with which to supply his guests.

"We sold out here right

away," Stewart said. "We clipped the story and put it on the bulletin board."

Stewart congratulated the Journal on "getting on the ball and covering the story."

He said the hotel switchboard had been swamped with calls, most of them congratulatory, and that telegrams were "pouring in."

"We believe communism is a threat to the future and for a couple of years we've been trying to do something about it. We believe we are in a terrific position to do something concrete," Stewart said.

"There is nothing crackpot, or extreme right about us. We feel we are doing something about a very real menace. When people criticize us we feel they're wrong." He said he and his wife felt that they are doing something that "everybody should."

In Tucson Miss Robb disagreed. "I'll fight forever for what I believe is right," she said. "If they want me to, I'll come back and repeat my statements."

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# 150 Journals Go To Camelback

By Walter Winchell

MEMO TO THE CITY DESK: Things were stirring in Scottsdale Sunday, hard on the heels of The Arizona Journal front-pager about the eviction of Colyumiss Inez Robb from Camelback Inn.

I stopped at an A. J. Bayless market in Scottsdale about noon and discovered Bert Davidson, relief Manager, piling copies of the Journal into a shopper's cart.

"What are you going to do with all those papers?", he was asked.

"A lady with a British accent was in here a little while ago and ordered 150 copies, and I'm supposed to deliver them to Camelback Inn," Davidson told us.

•AT THIS point your correspondent became the Journal's cub-reporter.

"I found a stranger with a camera and he volunteered to photograph the scene, but try as I might I couldn't find out why the Inn wanted the papers.

I read Miss Robb's impromptu atomic blast at Arizona "Birchers", "Rightists" and "divisive groups inciting Americans against Americans," and I'm with Inez.

She is typical of thousands of newspaper people from coast to coast who are plain

American. Like me, she's against people who are against people.

Journal rewriter Gene Lindsey asked me why I thought the Inn wanted the papers when I came in with my skewp.

THE ONLY answer I could give is that perhaps the management is pleased with the front page publicity.

Maybe they want to send it to clientele all over the world. I can see it now. Come to Camelback Inn where you won't have to be bothered with the likes of Inez Robb, cornices, pinks, nazis, muslins and Winchells.

# Inez Robb Ousted By Camelback Inn

## Attacks Rightist Library

By  
Maxine Bartlett  
and  
Leighton McLaughlin

Nationally syndicated columnist Inez Robb and her husband were evicted from the Camelback Inn Saturday after delivering an angry impromptu speech there attacking the ultra right-wing.

Mrs. Robb said her remarks were prompted by her search for a Gideon Bible in her room at the inn and her failure to find one.

Instead of a Bible, she said, she found a pamphlet by Dr. Fred C. Schwartz, leader of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and a professional Communist fighter.

MRS. ROBB, whose column appears in the Phoenix Gazette, said during a luncheon program at the Inn that she also had examined the resort hotel's library and found numerous pieces of right-wing literature there.

"I resent a hotel that seeks to form my political beliefs," Mrs. Robb said acidly.

"The menace to our society is not the Communists from within, but the Communists from without."

She said that J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are adequate to handle the Communist threat.

"ONE OF the greatest obstacles to him (Hoover) taking care of them, is the John Birch Society," she said.

"They pretend to fight communism, but they are fighting an economic system.

"They are a group of angry people who want to retreat into the past because they re-

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fuse to struggle with today's difficult world."

After her broadside at the right wing, Mrs. Robb gave her prepared speech.

**BOTH HER** off-the-cuff remarks and her scheduled speech drew laughter from her audience, members of the Arizona Association of Women Deans and Counselors.

She deferred her planned talk, a humorous recollection of her 38 years as a newspaperwoman, to deliver the stinging blast against the ultra-right and the Camelback Inn.

Mrs. Robb's husband, of 3 years, Addison, a retired public relations man, said that after his wife's speech, he was "given five minutes to leave the hotel."

Mrs. Jack Stewart, wife of the manager, agreed that her husband ordered the Robbs

to leave, and tore up Robb's check when he tried to pay the bill.

**AFTER** Mrs. Robb had completed her remarks at the luncheon, Mrs. Stewart rose in the meeting room to answer her.

She told Mrs. Robb and the audience that there are Bibles in the hotel rooms, but someone must have taken the one from the Robbs' room. Mrs. Stewart added that she and her family are "very anti-Communist."

She told the Journal that the Robbs were to be guests of the management, but after the speech Mrs. Robb sent them an envelope containing \$50 in cash.

When the Stewarts attempted to return it, it was declined by the Robbs with the comment, "Give it to your favorite charity," Mrs. Stewart said.

**SHE SAID** she plans to give the money to Dr. Schwartz' group or another anti-Communist organization.

(Mrs. Robb later explained she had spent a brief time once before at Camelback Inn on an airline press trip, with the room paid for by the airline. She said the \$50 was to make certain there was no misunderstanding about that visit.)

Camelback Inn has invested in 10,000 pieces of anti-Communist literature, Mrs. Stewart said, and it is distributed through the hotel.

"We feel that communism is not just an economic system, but a way of life. To be a Communist is to be anti-God."

**MRS. ROBB,** interview

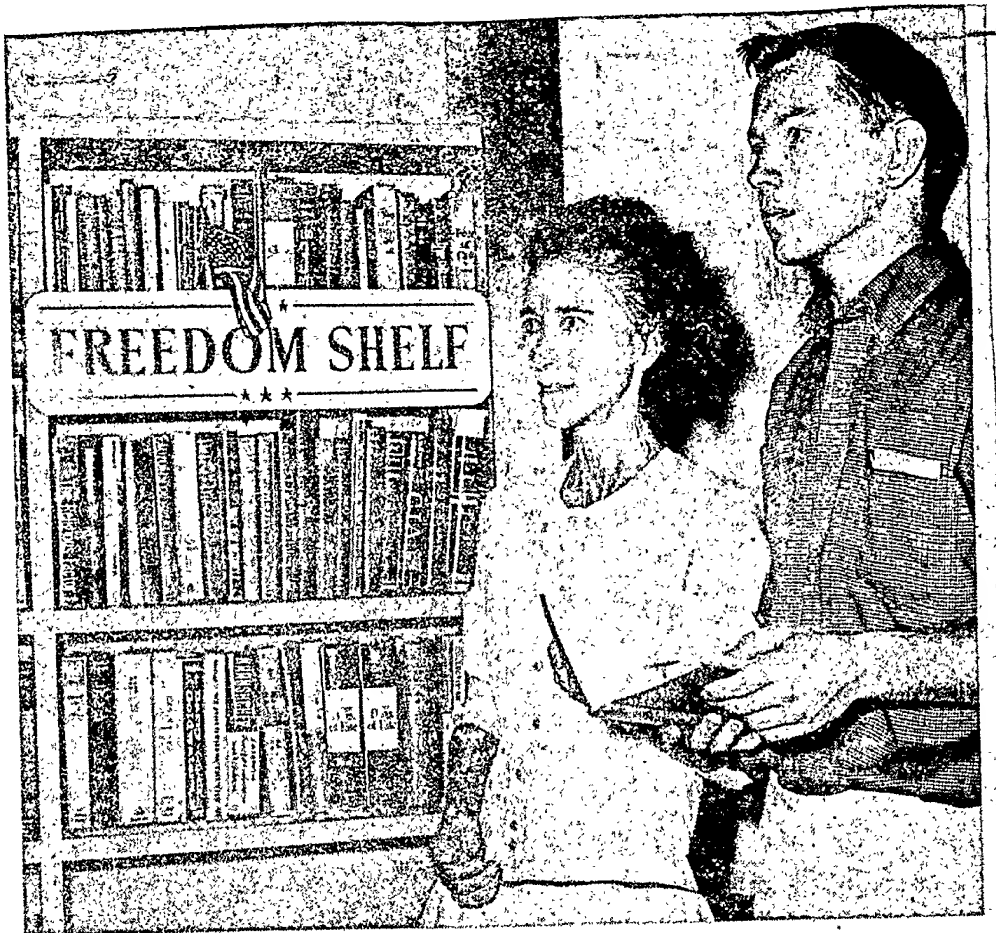
during dinner after the incident, said she and her husband, had intended to pay for the \$34-a-day room.

Robb sent a \$50 check to the Red Cross in Mrs. Stewart's name, he said, making his total "payment" \$100. "We think we're more than even," said Mrs. Robb.

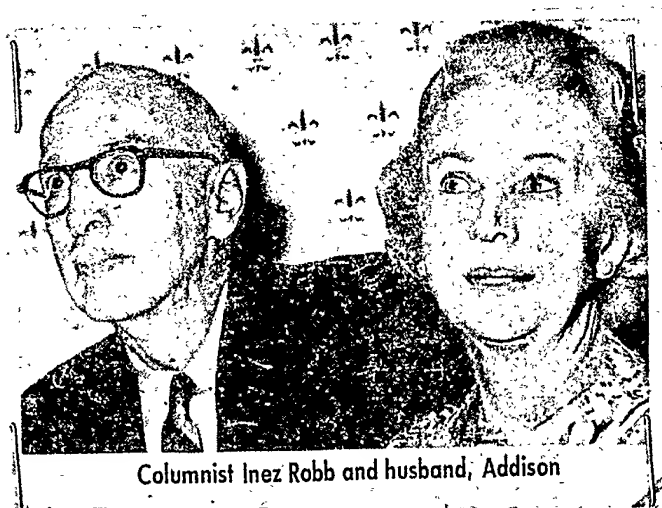
"I think this is the most wonderful job of bad public relations I've ever seen," said Robb.

**"I'VE HEARD** before that people in Phoenix look under their beds for Communists," said Mrs. Robb. "But I didn't realize till now that some of them spend all their time there."

"This is the first time I have seen the Bible superseded by the gospel of Dr. Schwartz."



Mrs. Jack Stewart, wife of manager of Camelback Inn, and son, Jack, stand in front of "Freedom Shelf" in library at the Inn.



Columnist Inez Robb and husband, Addison



## QUESTION TIME

# Reporter Tells Birchists Of His Post on Journal

Last In A Series

By Bud Lanker

Finally that day arrived when I decided I had learned nearly all I could about the inside workings of the John Birch Society through my own small chapter of 17 members, most of whom did not regularly attend meetings.

And that had been the assignment—to discover what I could about this controversial organization from the inside, to take a look at it from a member's point of view.

This I had done.

Now it was time for an about face.

NOW WAS the time to approach the story as a newspaperman, to go back and present the chapter leader with questions that had buzzed through my mind but which I had not dared ask at meetings, lest I reveal I was a newspaper reporter.

One question above all had bugged me and I never really got the answer.

Why had the chapter members never once bothered to inquire into my occupation? Or into my background? I had been asked nothing beyond my name, address and telephone number.

As far as I could determine, the John Birch Society never screened any of its candidates for membership.

Because it was so simple to join the John Birch Society, a recurring question has nagged at me:

Wouldn't it be as easy for a Communist as it was for me to join the John Birch Society? And wouldn't super-patriotism be an ideal disguise for an undercover Red?

I think so.

I CALLED the home of Jim Leader first and later drove out to the place where I had attended meetings as Bud Lanker, John Birch member. Now, as Bud Lanker, reporter, I asked Mrs. Charlotte Leader, the chapter head: "Do you have the least idea what I do for a living?"

"No...I haven't," she replied. "I was talking to my husband just the other evening and said we would have to get you in a conversation some time and find out what your business is."

I told her I was an Arizona Journal reporter and why I had joined her chapter.

She looked surprised, but more amused than angry.

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QUICKLY I said I would like to bring a photographer along to the next meeting to illustrate a series of articles I planned to write.

I also told her I would like to interview her and her husband and other chapter members at length about their views on the John Birch Society and what merit they saw in it.

As I did so, the phrase, "There's nothing secret about the John Birch Society except its membership," re-echoed in my mind.

"I'll have to consult first with my husband," Mrs. Leader said. I told her I would telephone her in a day or two.

But she called me first. She said she and her husband had decided: "No pictures."

I SAID I hoped they would reconsider and that I would call later for an appointment with both her and her husband.

I did so, and in the presence of both I repeated my request for pictures and additional material about them and other society members.

They didn't want any publicity about being members of the John Birch Society, they said.

This struck me as odd in the light of that "there's-nothing-secret" phrase I'd heard so often.

"Are you ashamed of the fact you belong?" I asked. "Not so," Jim Leader replied.

"ARE YOU afraid you'll lose your job?" I inquired. Leader is a Maricopa County employee.

Again Leader replied in the negative. I pressed for an explanation.

His principal reason for wishing to remain anonymous, he said, was "because identification with the John Birch Society would lessen my value to the county."

Leader is a planning analyst for the planning and zoning commission. In this capacity, he said, he is called upon to advise and make decisions which might be considered prejudicial by a disappointed person if his society membership were revealed.

"DIDN'T YOU consider the possible consequences before you joined the society; didn't you realize that someday the membership might be made public?" I asked.

"I did consider it," he answered. "But I thought it was worth the risk."

Leader asked that I hold off identifying him in my articles. I told him I couldn't suppress his identity without doing a disservice to Journal readers.

I suggested he take the matter up with my superiors. Both he and his wife seemed to think that was a good idea and even went so far as to make an appointment with Jim Hart, Journal managing editor.

Next day Leader telephoned the Journal office and told Hart he was unable to leave his office at the appointed time but would try to make it later.

He never did.

BESIDES the Leaders, I had caught the names of the following who were present at chapter meetings I attended:

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Titus, a Mr. and Mrs. Brown and a Harold Behee.

I have regretted many times since being unable to take notes at the meetings.

Berger is a teacher at Papago school. While he took an active part in the meetings, I was told he was not a chapter member but that his wife, a nurse, was.

Leader, after learning I was a newspaperman, he told me he was certain Berger would not want to be identified with the society any more than he.

That was because of Berger's position as a public school teacher, Leader told me.

BUT BECAUSE Berger frequently led the prayer and participated in what discussions were held at the meetings, I decided I should put the matter of identification up to him.

I called Berger at the school after I had already told the Leaders I was a newspaperman.

"Is it true your wife is a member of the Birch society and you are not?"

"That's right," Berger replied.

"How long have you and Mrs. Berger been going to Birch meetings?" I asked.

Berger appeared uncertain about his answer. He hesitated then replied: "About two months."

I ASKED why he had never joined the society since he attended meetings with his wife and participated actively.

"I'm not interested in divulging anything that's my own business," he answered.

"Do you think the Birch Society is a good thing?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied. "I could have joined, but I didn't want to at the time—I didn't feel I should.

He refused to say why.

That ended our conversation.

And that nearly ends this series. But first two more observations.

I HAVE learned since my Birch association that the society's membership files apparently are less of a secret than Robert Welch, its founder, would like to believe.

An authoritative source in Washington reported to me that the society mails out only about 29,600 monthly bulletins. Since bulletins presumably are mailed to all members in return for their dues, this would indicate Welch's goal of attaining a membership of 1 million has fallen far short of its goal.

This is the second observation.

Apparently the hard-core of most of the right wing groups is inter-linking, an indication that despite the furor they have created in recent years, their numbers are relatively small, even in Phoenix.

Remember the meeting the night of April 18 in Tempe, for instance? When a group of young pickets trampled a UN flag outside a meeting to organize a Scottsdale-Tempe chapter of the American Association for the United Nations?

While most of the pickets were youngsters, some adults were among them.

Two of the adults were Jim and Charlotte Leader.

Until something better comes along for fighting Communists, I'll throw in with J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

Not with the John Birch Society.



PICKETING THE ORGANIZATIONAL meeting of a pro-United Nations meeting in Tempe recently was Mrs. Charlotte Leader, head of the John Birch Society chapter to which Bud Lanker belonged for almost two months, shown left. (Journal Photo by Ralph Dohme)

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## Robb Delivers New Attack Upon John Birch Society

APACHE JUNCTION—Mrs. Inez Robb, nationally syndicated columnist, yesterday leveled a vitriolic attack upon the John Birch Society and other "rightist" groups here at a Democratic luncheon.

The United Features Syndicate writer contended the Birchers are using anticommunism as a front when they really are opposed to "anything that touches the money they have accumulated."

Her free-wheeling denunciation was delivered to an applauding audience of 200 women concluding a two-day convention of the Arizona Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs, at Hotel Superstition Ho.

She told the audience her ire was aroused two weeks ago after addressing the Arizona Association of Women Deans and Counselors. That meeting was held at Camelback Inn.

Mrs. Robb said she found a copy of a pamphlet in her room written by Dr. Fred Schwartz, head of the Christian Anti-Communist Movement.

SHE SAID she was looking for a Gideon Bible because often in her travels over the last 30 years she reads herself asleep with the Bible.

She said it appeared the "Gospel of Fred Schwartz" had replaced the Gospel of King James. She said this did not disturb her too much.

But later, she said, she and her husband were looking for a magazine and walked into the Inn's reading room to be confronted by "Freedom Bookshelf."

She said she was "amazed" at the display of "rightist and extremist hate literature" on this bookshelf.

The literature, she said, accused Gen. George Marshall of aiding Communists in capturing China, charged Harry Hopkins, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's aide, with giving Russia our A-bomb secrets, and attacked the United Nations without giving supporting facts.

"It was the same old dreary rightist charges," Mrs. Robb declared. "It made me sick to my stomach."

Just as she was ready to deliver her speech before the women's group, Mrs. Robb said she experienced "a moment of truth" and discarded her prepared address.

"AM I a woman or am I a weasel?" she said she asked herself.

With this Mrs. Robb touched off the controversy with a vehement speech attacking the Birchers and the extreme rightists, including the literature in the reading room.

While she was en route downtown, the inn owner gave her husband 5 minutes to leave the establishment, she said.

At no time in her address yesterday did Mrs. Robb actually identify Jack Stewart, the inn owner, by name, nor did she actually name the inn.

She mentioned "a motel with a lot of sand around" and repeatedly referred to "that talking jackass known as Snowball."

(As a mascot, Camelback Inn)

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keeps a white donkey called Snowball.)

Mrs. Robb said that at the time of her speech there she was a paying guest at the inn at \$34 a day. In 1953, Mrs. Robb said she was there on a "quickie vacation" subsidized, for the most part, by Trans World Airlines.

BUT TO make certain the inn was properly refunded any costs, Mrs. Robb said she recently sent "Snowball" a \$50 check and made an additional donation in his name to the Phoenix Chapter of the American Red Cross. (By "Snowball" she obviously meant Stewart.)

The peppery blonde said she had been led to understand that in Phoenix people are so concerned with the Communist conspiracy that they "look under the bed each night."

"But I didn't know you had a 24-hour patrol," she quipped.

Mrs. Robb said she recently summoned Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., off the Senate floor and discussed the incident with him.

She said Goldwater apologized for her treatment and said he did not approve of professional anti-Communists in the business to make money.

Mrs. Robb said Goldwater must be "conversant" with Birchers in Phoenix, because he told her "Snowball" was not a member.

She said while Goldwater is hesitant to condemn the Birch Society, he "thinks they are

naughty" when they injure individuals.

"Goldwater was in my corner, at least most of the time," she added.

"I haven't met a decent or honorable person or organization that hasn't condemned the Birch crowd," Mrs. Robb asserted.

She charged that "Snowball" recently came to New York "to confer with my employer." She said a subordinate told "Snowball" he had "better quit while he is still behind."

(Jack Stewart, operator of Camelback Inn, said last night Miss Robb was mistaken in her claim that he had gone to New York City. He said that his son, Jack, Jr., 21, had been in New York City on his way to England and had stopped in the offices of the World-Telegram and Sun at his request. He said he had wired Roy Howard, chairman of the board of Scripps-Howard publications and Mrs. Robb's boss, stating he believed that Camelback Inn's side of the story should be presented in the New York paper. He said he had not heard from his son or Howard and does not know what transpired.)

MRS. ROBB emphasized that she is "vigorously" opposed to the extremists on the left as well as those of the right.

The Democratic women presented her with a large American flag and said a scholarship at the University of Arizona will be set up in her name.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, PHOENIX

DATE: 5/21/62

FROM : Richard T. Bretzing (Clerk)

SUBJECT: John Birch Society Literature,  
Miscellaneous Info Concerning

Delbert Curtis, 1226 W. Purdue, Phoenix, 944-7015, called instant date and reported that, while on a trip to Prescott, he and his parents stopped at a small souvenir shop which was connected with a gas-station, both of which were located across the road from the Granite Dells Swimming pool and Recreation Area on the Highway that runs north from Prescott toward Asfork. In this shop they observed about one and one-half dozen books on subjects they thought to be subversive. Listed among the books observed were:

1. The John Birch Society Blue Book
2. The Naked Communist
3. Soviet America
4. Communist America: For Good
5. Black Book of Red China

Curtis stated that there were several more, but that he was unable to remember any other titles.

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are two copies of Vol. 1, No. 1, YOUNG, S.A., a periodical which according to the masthead is published by CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., P. O. Box 4022, Chicago, Illinois.

The masthead shows the editor of the periodical to be JACK ROSEN and associate editors as CHARLES SANDERS and ANNE MARIE FAIR.

One copy is also being forwarded to the Chicago office with copies of this airtel.

This periodical was brought to the attention of the Phoenix Division by WILLIAM ANDERSON, 531 E. Hayward, Phoenix, who stated that he is a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and that he feels this periodical is Communist inspired.

It is noted that the article beginning on page 36, entitled "THE AUTOCRATIC ABC" has referred to the Director.

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## **Birchers Announce State Chief**

The John Birch Society has named Thomas B. Anderson, Jr., as full-time coordinator for the State of Arizona.

Rapid growth of the Birch Society in the state has made it necessary to begin establishment of a full-time staff to supervise statewide activities, according to the announcement.

Anderson is a former employee of the Small Business Administration office in Phoenix and was associated with the National Bank of Detroit.

He resides with his wife and four children at 6707 E. Almeria, Scottsdale.

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Thomas B. Anderson,  
Jr.

Co-ordinator,  
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# Publicity for Birch Society

The handling of the appointment of a state coordinator by the John Birch Society was a little out of character.

The organization normally prefers to operate in a cloak and dagger fashion in pursuing its announced aim of unearthing the hidden conspiracy of communists in our midst.

But the appointment of Thomas B. Anderson, Jr. as full time paid field man for the organization was announced with what, for the society, amounts to a full fledged publicity campaign.

This makes more sense than most of the activities of the ultra-conservative organization. If, as a recent recruiting folder says, the society is fighting its battle with facts as its weapons, a little publicity on those facts might help get the job done.

But the society, faithfully following its dictator-leader, Robert Welch, has preferred to dupe the American people into following its program to a more direct approach.

The recruiting folder, for example, says that the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U.S. Supreme Court is a "realistic" objective of the society.

It is a fact that Warren has long been a target of right wing groups, but the ball has been carried not by the Birch society, but by an organization with his impeachment as its sole reason for existence. This organization is probably one of the many Birch society "fronts."

And while the society leadership

may believe it has a "realistic" chance of success in its campaign, it is definitely not a fact by any reasonable yardstick that Warren is a member of a communist conspiracy.

The campaign against Warren consists of a list of court decisions under his leadership which in the twisted logic of the far right have moved the nation towards communism.

This is the same twisted logic that branded former President Eisenhower and other loyal national leaders as agents of the alleged conspiracy.

The alleged move of that nation towards communism is, itself, merely an unsupported assumption of the far right groups. By exactly the same arguments they offer, Christianity could be ruled communistic.

And, as a matter of fact, we have seen here and elsewhere in the nation efforts to do just that through attacks on churches and their ministers as ill-informed as their attacks on Eisenhower and President Kennedy.

This, of course, is the major objection to the Birch society and similar organizations—their extremism. And it is why we welcome any move on their part to come out from behind their various shields so that they and their ideas can be seen clearly in the light.

We are confident that the good sense of the American people will then prevail and the society will be recognized for what it really is.

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# Bircher Coordinator To Boost Membership

In an effort to bolster its membership, the John Birch Society has engaged a paid, full-time coordinator for Arizona.

He is Thomas B. Anderson, Jr., of 6707 E. Almeria, who will maintain the office of the society in his home.

Anderson said the Birch Society membership in Arizona has been increasing to the point where it was necessary to hire a full-time staff worker. In the past, Society members have done organizational work on a part-time, voluntary basis.

However, in accordance with Society policy, Anderson refused to say how many members the Birch Society has in Arizona.

A press release announcing Anderson's appointment was the first communication. The Journal has received in the name of the John Birch Society. Here to fore the Society's activities have been carried on with no attempt to gain publicity, or even with efforts to avoid publicity.

Anderson said he has been interested in Birch Society work for about 14 months. Before taking the new post, he was associated with the Phoenix office of the Small Business Administration.

His duties with the S.B.A. consisted of interviewing and investigating applicants for loans. Before coming to Phoenix five years

ago, Anderson was with the National Bank of Detroit. The Andersons have four children.

"My job is to help the John Birch Society grow," Anderson said.

He said he would travel the entire state, distributing literature, showing films and speaking to interested groups.

A recent recruiting folder published by the Birch Society describes the ultra-right organization as "not just a study group" but "an army fighting with facts as our weapons."

"We not only have an army, tightly organized and firmly directed—with only love and loyalty to enforce control—but we have a paid and professional staff in the field," the folder says.

The same folder says the Birch Society regards the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren as the objective it is most likely to achieve in its efforts to "defeat and destroy the Communist conspiracy." It says this objective is more realistic than others that it might undertake, such as "persuading the administration to discard its idiotic peace corps, getting the United Nations out of the United States," and "abolishing that monstrosity, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare."

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY has named Thomas B. Anderson, Jr., as its first full-time paid coordinator for Arizona. Anderson

will show films, distribute literature and address meetings throughout the state. (Journal Photo by Wally Stein)

# It's Verse Than Birchers

With the rise in influence  
of the local chapter of the  
John Birch Society, I  
thought the following ditty  
apropos.

(Tune: Home on the Range)

## CHORUS:

Home, home on the range,  
Where the D. A. R. and  
A. C. A. play,  
Where seldom is heard,  
A Liberal word,  
And the Birchers hunt  
witches all day.

## VERSES:

Oh give me a home,  
Where Goldwater does roam,  
Where the D. A. R. and A. C. A.  
play,  
Where seldom is heard,  
A Liberal word,  
And the Birchers hunt  
witches all day.

How often we hear,  
In the Valley of Fear,  
That our schools are adopt-  
ing Red ways.  
With "Lifeline" and Dan  
Smoot,  
And Pulliam to boot,  
If let's go back to Neanderthal  
days.

Earl Warren we'll impeach,  
And put out of reach,  
Fellow travelers Stevenson  
and the rest.  
Commsynps are they,  
And so's the C. I. A.,  
To all we'll put the loyalty  
test.

The U. N. we'll drop,  
Foreign aid we will stop,  
And we don't like the FBI's  
looks.  
We will win in our fight,  
Because we are Right,  
And we'll burn all those  
subversive books.

Don't trust your friend,  
Because in the end,  
A Bolshevik you'll find him  
to be.

Stay in bad humor,  
And start a good rumor,  
About what a Commie is he.

That's the end of our song,  
But don't get us wrong,  
We're patriots down to the  
core.

Vodka we don't drink,  
That's for a Pink,  
And avoid Russian hams at  
your store.

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## Birch 'Grab' Charged

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Harry J. Keaton, president of the Young Republicans of California, charged that the John Birch Society is engaged in a "power grab" in an attempt to take over his organization.

KEATON SAID that Birch Society members have been especially active in Los Angeles County, Santa Clara County, Orange County, and in Bakersfield.

"The sincerely held conservative beliefs of many young Republicans have been mercilessly exploited by labeling all those who oppose the Birch power grab as 'liberals,' 'left-wingers,' and with other epithets designed to arouse new inexperienced members against party regulars," Keaton said.

"THE GOOD name of Sen. Barry Goldwater has been misused without his permission by spreading the fable that all those opposing the Birch takeover are hostile to his potential candidacy for president of the United States."

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# John Birchers Accused of Plot In GOP Circles

LOS ANGELES, (UPI)

The John Birch Society was accused Thursday of trying to take over the Young Republicans of California in what was described as a "power grab."

Harry J. Keaton, Los Angeles attorney and president of the state YRS, charged that the Birch Society has gained control of the Los Angeles County YRS and will make a move to take over the state organization at a convention in Fresno Feb. 15-17.

"The sincerely held conservative beliefs of many young Republicans have been mercilessly exploited by labeling all those who oppose the Birch power grab as 'Liberals,' 'left wingers,' and with other epithets designed to arouse new inexperienced members against party regulars," Keaton told a news conference.

"The good name of Sen. Barry Goldwater has been misused without his permission by spreading the fable that all those opposing the Birch take-over are hostile to his potential candidacy for President of the United States."

Keaton said the Birch Society is backing two candidates for state YRS president—Ron Garver and Robert Gaston, both of Los Angeles.

He charged that Garver and Gaston have "made a deal" under which one or the other would withdraw from the race, depending on relative strength.

Gaston, chairman of the Los Angeles County YRS, was questioned about Keaton's charge and he said he and Garver had made no deal. He said Keaton had a candidate of his own—Ken Davis of Pasadena—and feared he might lose.

Keaton said Davis was not his candidate but that he merely opposed any move by the Birch Society to control the state president.

Gaston said, "This is not a power grab by the John Birch Society nor any other organization, but rather a question of throwing up a smoke screen to discredit those candidates of whom he does not approve."

Keaton also mentioned the name of former Rep. John H. Rousselot, a Republican member of the John Birch Society, who was defeated in the November election. He said Rousselot has been hired as the paid, full-time governor of the Birch Society for California and five other western states and has been active in attempts to "take over" the YRS.

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### **Birch Officer To Talk May 6**

John H. Rousselot, district governor of the John Birch Society for six Western states, will speak on disarmament at 8 p.m. May 6 in the Thunderbird Room of Hotel Westward Ho.

Rousselot, of San Marino, Calif., will relate what he considers to be the similarities between the Soviet and U.S. plan for disarmament.

Tickets are available at 5036 N. Central, according to the Citizens Information Center here.

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## Birchers Open New Phoenix Office; Hurray! Arizona's Safe

Former California Republican Rep. John H. Rousselot was a fountainhead of wisdom during his recent visit to our town to open the new office and library of the John Birch Society. But he seemed a little short on facts.

Since being retired from Congress by the good people of California, Rousselot has become

western district governor of the Birch organization. As such, he appeared at the new society office at 1812 W. Camelback to help local coordinator Frank Marisch Jr., get the new enterprise under way.

Rousselot arrived late and while we were tempted to interpret this as an indication that he doesn't know what time it is, we have accepted the explanation that his plane was delayed.

First he posed for pictures, smiling bravely despite the blunt refusal by one uninformed cameraman to permit him to pose with the picture of society founder Robert Welch conveniently available on the desk.

The refusal drew audible gasps of disapproval from the ladies and gentlemen, presumably loyal society members, peering through the door and window into the inner sanctum where the news conference was held.

The governor, though, recovered nicely as we said and even reminded us that Welch would be in Phoenix Sept. 19 in person. This was news to us although we had assumed a visit was in order since he is appearing in Tucson at about the same time. Marisch assured us a press release on the visit would be forthcoming.

The first question asked was how many members the society has in Arizona, a query so basic that we had been prepared to ask ourselves. But someone else asked first. We frowned.

Rousselot dashed off the stock we don't reveal or give it out answer. Then possibly misinterpreting our frown, he went on: "We have found from experience that when the Communist Party learns of our strength, they very hard to penetrate our organization to spread confusion."

How about that! We know a fellow who once penetrated the society—a reporter buddy of the old Journal. We've suspected him ever since of being a bona fide member. He's certainly no commie.

But having eliminated the need for facts, Rousselot informed us, confidently if vaguely, that the society membership in the state had doubled in the past nine months. If this pace of growth continues for another year, he went on, "it will be of great influence in the public affairs of this state."

We probably should have told him right then that the society already is of great influence in the public affairs of this state.

Be it has penetrated so deeply into the Republican Party which is doing very well by itself hereabouts. But we hate arguing with a visitor, so we let it pass.

It was probably a sneaky question, but we asked him whether he regarded the society as a political organization. A sneaky question deserves a sneaky answer and Rousselot did not let us down. He said the society is not political in the sense of being a third party which nominated or endorsed or financed candidates.

We wondered out loud about the organization's position on various legislative questions and Rousselot confessed an "interest in various phases of legislation in step with our basic philosophy." The society, he said, wants to "influence and bring to bear information" that will change the direction of government in this country.

Roughly translated, this means the conducting of letter writing campaigns and use of similar means of bringing pressure to bear on legislators for or against measures under study.

And in our book, this constitutes lobbying, which is about as political as you can get without actually forming a third party.

We probably should have probed this area a little more but by this time we had become convinced that we were not about to be enlightened in any event and, frankly, there were about 30 society members between us and the door.

And we were in a hurry to get away, too, because we were due at a meeting of the Maricopa County Democratic Committee. We had been promised, erroneously as it turned out, that the Democrats were going to stage a donnybrook and we could have hated to miss it.

In fact, if we really had the interest of the society at heart we would have invited Rousselot to come along.

The Democrats do an effective job of fighting outsiders such as Republicans, Communists, fascists and Birchers.

But their talents for skilled mayhem and other political battle techniques are never better illustrated than when they start chopping each other up.

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## Robert Welch, Birch Leader, To Talk Here

Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch Society, has purposely not announced the title of his speech to be given at 8 p.m. Thursday, in the Thunderbird Room of the Hotel Westward Ho. His talk is sponsored by the Valley John Birch Society chapters.

According to Arizona Birch Coordinator, Frank Marisch, Jr., Welch's talk will cover topics of current and intense interest to the general public.



Welch, a graduate of North Carolina University, also attended the Naval Academy and Harvard University. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers and has been in the candy manufacturing business most of his adult life.

He is the author of three books and has served as editor and publisher of American Opinion Magazine. He has traveled extensively around the world and has spent many years specializing in the study of communism and socialism.

He founded the John Birch Society in 1958 to combat the socialistic trend in this country, and the society now has members in every state.

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# Says Many Democrats In Camp

By BERNIE WYNN

U.S. SEN. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., could take the Republican presidential nomination away from any contender in California next year if the state's junior senator will put on a tough campaign.

This was the view expressed by John H. Rousset, former California congressman and new Western area governor for the John Birch Society, yesterday at a Phoenix Press Club forum.

As an organization, the Birch society is forbidden by its by-laws from endorsing any political candidate, but Rousset opined that the rank and file members of his society are fully in accord with Goldwater's conservative philosophy.

Rousset, in a hot give-and-take forum, declared that Goldwater has as much support from conservative Democrats in California as he does from his own party.

He said that, contrary to other political candidates, Goldwater's potential candidacy would be greatly helped, not hindered, by Birch society support.

THIS IS because each member is free to vote and work for his personal convictions and the members are known to work hard, he added.

The 35-year-old former public relations counselor said the society has boosted its membership 30 per cent during the last year and "will have an even greater influence by 1964."

This was caused by the fact, he said, that more and more people are becoming aware of the value of the conservative movement in the face of mounting domestic and world problems.

His personal belief, he said, is that Goldwater can take California, most of the Midwest, including perhaps Illinois and Ohio, and nearly a "Solid South."

He denied to answer flatly a question as to the society's position on racial segregation, except to say that no formal position has been taken to his knowledge.

However, he made it clear that he personally blames a great deal of the Southern squabble on northern agitators, some of whom are definitely linked, in his belief, with Communist movements.

Rousset deplored the use of federal troops in Little Rock because he alleged there still was recourse in the courts. He said states' rights should be respected in this area.

His contention was that the national government has a right to intercede when any person is denied the right to vote and federal troops should be used if such violations occur.

ON THE matter of New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's remarriage, Rousset took a cautious view. He doesn't believe it will have any great effect upon the governor's presidential aspirations.

He said the society firmly supports the Liberty Amendment, now adopted by seven states, which would abolish the federal income tax and force the government out of some 700 private business enterprises.

These government business ventures are costing the taxpayers from \$36 billion to \$42 billion annually and this is more than enough to compensate for the individual income tax, he said.

HE SAID the United States is being fed "a spoonful of honey" in the contention that the United Nations is the only route to permanent peace.

Moderator of the forum was Frank Cullen Brophy, a member of the Birch national council.



Republic Photo by Ludwig Keaton

**BIRCH SPEAKER**—John H. Rousselot, right, western area governor of the John Birch Society, was forum speaker yesterday at Phoenix Press Club. Forum moderator was Frank G. Brophy, center, retired Phoenix banker and member of the society's national council. At left is Thomas B. Anderson, Scottsdale, Arizona coordinator for Birch Society. Rousselot, former California congressman, said Barry Goldwater will draw society support if he is a candidate for president.

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## CREeping SOCIALISM

WORLD BALANCE yesterday published an analysis of the John Birch Society, including the admonition of Mr. Robert Welch to fight above all else "big government." In order to clarify and specify the exact nature of opposition to present governmental agencies WORLD BALANCE invites the members of the Society, and all other advocates of "little government" including the followers of Senator Goldwater, to use the following questionnaire to communicate constructive criticism of present governmental functions.

THE BASIC QUESTION IS - Has each of the listed agencies a proper function under our government, or is it socialistic and therefore should be abolished and its function assumed by private enterprise?

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### A SURVEY ON "CREeping SOCIALISM"

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# Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares

THE SALE of U.S. wheat to Russia would be an act of treason because it gives aid and comfort to the enemy, Reed Benson, Utah state coordinator for the John Birch Society, told a Phoenix Press Club forum last night.

Benson, who was introduced by Frank Marisch, Arizona coordinator for the society, questioned a recent news report that commodities including hybrid corn were sold to Iron Curtain countries during President Eisenhower's administration, in which his father, Ezra Taft Benson, served as secretary of agriculture.

IN OTHER talks yesterday, Benson told audiences this country is at war with communism, and expressed belief this nation is losing that war.

"J. Edgar Hoover told the nation that the sooner we wake up the safer we will be," Benson declared, and he added that the Birch Society is dedicated to hastening that awakening.

Benson said the United States is losing the war because of treason and the American people's ignorance of the enemy. He named a number of former government officials as members of a Communist cell in the Agriculture Department, and said his father was asked why he did not get rid of one of them.

"HE HAS the ear of the President more than I do," young Benson quoted his father as replying.

Benson compared choosing between Communists to choosing between members of Murder, Inc.

"Every Communist is dedicated to our overthrow," he said. "What difference does it make if they argue over the funeral arrangements?"

Asked if he believed President Kennedy is "soft on communism," the young Utahan declared:

"THAT IS putting it mildly." But he did not put it any stronger himself, despite questions about the wheat deal.

He said that it was when he was considering joining the Birch Society in 1961 that he first met Robert Welch, its founder and director. Before that, he said he obtained a copy of the FBI's report on the society. Benson said he attended one of Welch's two-day seminars.

"Then I made a final check with the president of the Church of Latter-day Saints," he declared. He said his father at the time issued a statement approving the action.

BENSON declared that Welch still is the authoritarian head of

the society, and that the society has not softened.

He arrived in the state Monday and spoke in Tucson, St. Johns and Holbrook before coming here. He spoke at Glendale last night.

He will speak at 10 a.m. today in Maryvale Park, at 2 p.m. in Scottsdale High School, and at 8 p.m. in Irving Elementary School in Mesa. The meetings are open to the public, said Marisch.

A political science graduate of Brigham Young University, Benson campaigned in Arizona in behalf of his father's agricultural program in 1956, and declared the recent wheat referendum is the best evidence of the farmers' approval of that program. He served a mission for the LDS Church in England.

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## Attacker Convicted

A MAN WHO fired pistol shots through the windows of the Phoenix office of the John Birch Society, 1812 W. Camelback, Friday night, was convicted yesterday on five counts in city court.

Officers said Thomas Lloyd Thompson, 33, of 1536 W. Elm, admitted firing the shots after making a threatening telephone call to the organization's office. The threats were his reaction to news of President Kennedy's assassination.

Combined sentences could result in 102 days in jail or a \$310 fine, in addition to a 10-day sentence for driving with a suspended license.

Charges were drunken and reckless driving, hit-and-run driving, driving with a suspended license, failure to yield the right of way. A charge of malicious mischief was suspended.

Thompson also faces a possible charge of assault with a deadly weapon, police said.

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## Gun Charge Filed Against Driver Here

A charge of assault with a deadly weapon was filed yesterday against a Phoenix motorist who allegedly pulled a gun on another motorist after their vehicles collided at 17th Avenue and Camelback.

Police said Thomas Lloyd Thompson, 33, of 1536 W. Elm, is accused of threatening Gary James, 40, of 2528 W. Marshall, with a revolver Friday night.

Police said Thompson admitted firing two pistol shots through the windows of the John Birch Society, 1812 W. Camelback, Friday afternoon.

Officers said Thompson fired the shots after making a threatening telephone call to the organization's office. The threats were his reaction to news of President Kennedy's assassination.

Monday, Thompson was convicted of five misdemeanor charges in city court. The felony charge was filed in the court of Justice of the Peace C. Stanley Kimball.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 12/2/63

FROM : J. JAMES ROWAN, ASAC

SUBJECT: CARL LEON PICKETT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 12/2/63, Mr. PICKETT, who furnished his address as 322 E. Earll Drive, Phoenix, unlisted telephone number 264-4231, called. He said he would like to know whether the FBI considered the JOHN BIRCH Society subversive. He was informed that this Bureau could not comment on individuals, organizations or publications and he should not construe from that remark that this Bureau had or had not conducted any investigation. He was referred to the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C.

Mr. PICKETT said he was calling because he had just joined the JOHN BIRCH Society for the purpose of determining whether or not the organization was subversive. He pointed out that in the past many fine people had joined the Communist Party for the same reason and later found themselves before investigating committees of Congress.

No comment concerning this was made to Mr. PICKETT.

He requested that his call be made a matter of record and he was told that this would be done.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 1/8/64

FROM : Clerk KENNETH E. COOK

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Information concerning the attached material which is self-explanatory was given to me for delivery to the FBI Office by W. E. RIFLEY on 1/7/64. It appears that an invitation to attend an introduction to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was extended to Mrs. RIFLEY by MARY LARKIN, aka Mrs. J. WALTER LARKIN. The material provided by Mr. RIFLEY has been reviewed by SA PAUL G. TAYLOR who concurs with the recommendation set forth below.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Make 1-A exhibit of attached material and place in file 62-795. Index MARY LARKIN, aka Mrs. J. WALTER LARKIN into this file.

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# Birchers Smeared, Reed Benson Says

By DENIS SEARLES

Reed Benson, Utah coordinator of the John Birch Society, last night said a charge that the society called former President Eisenhower a Communist was part of an organized smear campaign against the organization.

Benson, appearing at the Phoenix College auditorium as part of a week-long speaking tour of the state, told some 500 people that:

The phrase reportedly accusing Eisenhower of being a Communist was lifted out-of-context from a private letter the society's founder, Robert Welch, had written to a friend discussing the former president's dealings with Communists, Benson said.

WELCH'S letter gave, as his opinion, Benson said, that Eisenhower had failed tragically in dealing with the Communists because he was either ignorant of his opponent (communism), found it politically expedient not to or was "a conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

The latter alternative was the phrase lifted out of context and widely circulated in the smear campaign, Benson said.

Currently, the society has published the letter in total, with footnotes and substantiating material, Benson said.

Benson, son of Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture for the Eisenhower administration, said the United States is losing the cold war because of ignorance of communism and "treason."

HE DEFINED treason as "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

And he said of the foreign aid to Tito's Communist Yugoslavia and the recent Russian wheat deal: "There is only one word for it, treason."

"But when treason prospers, who dares call it treason anymore," he said.

Benson said that "every Communist is dedicated to our overthrow even if they do argue about the funeral arrangements."

Earlier at a press conference, Benson maintained that there are no racial or religious barriers in the society and that there are Negro members and chapters throughout the country.

OF THE Cuban government cutting off the U.S. Guantanamo naval base's water supply this week, he said it is another example of Communist bluff and bluster.

"The tragedy is we keep capitulating . . . in hopes of peace. Where are we going to draw the line?"

He also said Arizona society membership has doubled since October and is on its way to doubling again.

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'STAND UP FOR FREEDOM NO MATTER WHAT THE COST'

## U.S. Losing Cold War, Benson Says

By CHARLES D. BARTON  
Gazette Staff Writer

Reed A. Benson, Utah coordinator for the John Birch Society, was applauded warmly by a crowd of 700 in Phoenix College auditorium when he called upon Americans to "stand up for freedom, no matter what the cost."

Deploing the series of capitulations the government of the United States has been making all over the face of the globe, Benson, son of Ezra Taft Benson, former secretary of agriculture, declared last night:

"Frankly we are losing the Cold War. We are losing to an enemy dedicated to overthrowing anyone in the way of setting up a world dominated by state slavery."

"And no wonder we are losing. For every child learning about God today, there are five learning the doctrines of communism."

"THE ENEMY has already taken over 40 per cent of the world's population."

"We sometimes read about tyrants of the past. People must realize the bloodiest tyrants in all history are operating today."

Although 51 out of 52 treaties have been broken by the enemy, he said we go right ahead and hope it won't happen again.

Benson declared that the real tragedy is that so many educators and prominent men have been duped into aiding communism.

"THEY HAVE given aid and comfort to the enemy," he continued.

"And what is aid and comfort to the enemy?" he asked. "There's a word for it—in one word—treason."

"Treason is the reason!"

"Every Communist is dedicated to our overthrow, even if they do argue about arrangements for our funeral."

"We do have many friends behind the Iron Curtain, but they hesitate to declare themselves because they are not quite sure which side the government of the United States is on."

HE MENTIONED use of the Navy to keep opponents of Castro from trying to oust him and

in patrolling the China Sea to make sure Chiang Kai-Shek stays on Formosa.

Benson, a former Latter-day Saints missionary, said the Mormon Church does not oppose the Birch Society. Neither does it support the organization.

"The Birch Society actually is the most effective non-church society in the fight against creeping socialism," he declared.

Evidence of the patriotic stand of the Birchers lies in the frantic efforts to defame them, he said at one point.

Earlier, he emphasized the clean bill of health the society received after a lengthy California state senate investigation. He spoke then at the Phoenix Press club.

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## Benson Cries 'Treason' In Birch Speech

United Press International  
The United States is losing the cold war because of ignorance of communism and "treason," or "giving aid and comfort to the enemy," Reed Benson, Utah coordinator of the John Birch Society, said Friday night.

Benson, son of Ezra Taft Benson, the Eisenhower administration's secretary of agriculture, told an audience of 500 persons that "treason" was exemplified by foreign aid to Communist Yugoslavia and the recent Russian wheat deal.

"But when treason prospers, who dares call it treason any-

more," Benson said, appearing here during a week-long tour of Arizona.

"The tragedy is we keep capitulating . . . in hopes of peace," he said. "Where are we going to draw the line?"

He said, "Every Communist is dedicated to our overthrow even if they do argue about the funeral arrangements."

He said the water turnoff at Guantanamo Naval Base at

Cuba amounted to more communist bluff and bluster.

Benson said the charge that the John Birch Society had called former President Dwight Eisenhower a Communist, was part of an organized smear campaign against the society.

He attributed the charge to a widely circulated out-of-context quote from a letter written by Robert Welch, founder of the society.

Benson also said the Arizona society membership has doubled since October.

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### **Tickets Sell--Hall Small**

Increased ticket demand has resulted in a change of location for a talk scheduled in Phoenix Feb. 7 by Reed Benson, Utah coordinator for the John Birch Society. Benson's talk on "The Time Has Come" has been transferred to the Phoenix College Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at the American Opinion Bookstore and at the auditorium door.

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## BIRCH MAGAZINE ATTACKS EX-PRESIDENT

# JFK Linked to Conspiracy

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NEW YORK (UPI) — An article in a John Birch Society publication yesterday attacked the late President Kennedy and said he was assassinated because he was falling behind in the Communist timetable for the takeover of the United States.

The late President, according to the article in the current issue of the monthly publication American Opinion, did much for the Communist conspiracy but "was rapidly becoming a political liability." The article said the Communists had set 1963 as the date for the "effective capture of the United States" and Kennedy had fallen behind.

The article, written by Prof. Revillo P. Oliver, of the Classics Department at the University of Illinois, charged that the assassination was arranged "by the Communist conspiracy" to prepare for "a domestic takeover" which was frustrated by the capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin.

The Oliver article said Oswald was trained in "a school for international criminals" in Russia, was brought back to the United States "in open violation" of American law, was arrested as a suspect in the shooting of former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, but was released "through the personal intervention of Robert F. Kennedy."

The article offered no confirmation of Oswald's arrest in the Walker shooting.

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Robert H. Welch, Jr., the right wing Birch Society's founder and editor of the magazine, praised the 16-page article as "superb commentary" in his editor's notes.

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# Birch Society Prints JFK Attack

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Reyilo P. Oliver, of the classics department at the University of Illinois, suggested that the assassination was arranged "by the Communist conspiracy" to prepare for "a domestic takeover" which was frustrated by the capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin.

OLIVER also advanced two alternative explanations of the assassination: That Kennedy was executed by the Communists "Because he was planning to turn American;" and that the assassination was arranged by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as the result of a rift within "The Communist conspiracy."

He also suggested that "The assassination of Kennedy may have been necessary as the only means of avoiding, or

even long deferring, national scandals so flagrant as to shock the whole of our brainwashed and hypnotized populace back to sanity."

Oliver said there was "not a single indication" that the assassination was not planned and carried out by "the Communist conspiracy." He ridiculed the view, held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that Oswald was acting alone when he shot the President.

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## Comment Declined on Article

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UPI)—A University of Illinois spokesman yesterday said school officials wanted to read Prof. Revilo P. Oliver's article in a John Birch Society publication before making any decisions about either the article or its author.

Oliver's article, which appeared in the publication American Opinion, attacked the late President Kennedy and said he was assassinated because he was falling behind in a Communist scheme for the takeover of the United States.

Charles Flynn, assistant to University president Dr. David D. Henry, said, "The president hasn't seen the article and neither have I.

"We assume that Prof. Oliver has written his views as a private citizen," Flynn said. "These are not, of course, the views of the University of Illinois."

Flynn said Henry normally would not comment on the private views of a faculty member.

"However, if it become obvious that he has misused his position on the university fac-

ulty, the matter would be referred to the proper academic officials," Flynn said.

Oliver declined immediate comment on the article.

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was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. He is considered competent in his field of Classics. Little more than that has come over the wires, so there might be much to be filled in when the entire story is known.

The Birch Society harassed President Kennedy while he was alive. It continues its attacks even now that he is dead. Smear and hate is the Birch code, creed and religion. Will President Johnson be next?

Masking as a "patriotic" organization, the Birch is in reality asking for an anarchy, for the overthrow of our Constitutional government, laying the groundwork for a state of political disorder, and preparing the United States for a takeover by a dictator when law is gone.

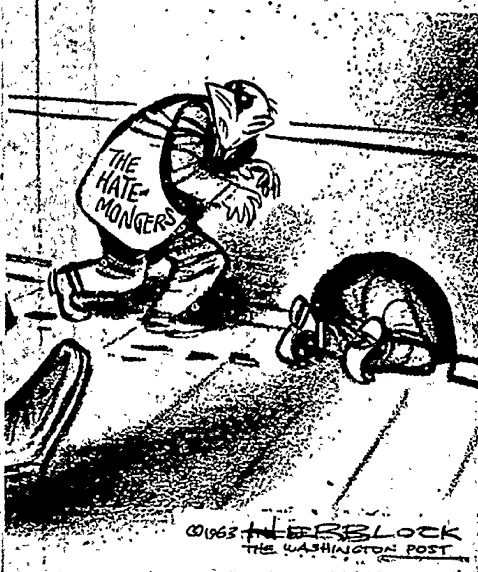
The pious plea that they are defenders of our Federal Government is false, and they know it. Calling everyone from the President on down a Communist is their best method of spreading the hate that is in them. Lies and false accusations are their stock in trade.

The Birch Society has embraced the likes of Reville P. Oliver many times before, and it will again. His lies and unfounded statements will become a part of the Society's sacred writings. He is the kind wanted—and needed—by the Birchers.

The Congress of the United States should call for an investigation of Prof. Oliver—and of the Birch Society. The decent citizens of our country deserve no less than a thorough denunciation of Oliver and the Birchers and their un-American projects of smear and hate.

It's time we all got a little burned up with their antics.

### Back Into The Woodwork



## Birch Hate-Mongers at It Again

The late President John F. Kennedy, by dying at the hands of an assassin in Dallas, Texas, last November, temporarily stilled the hate-mongering John Birch Society. But only for a short time. The little minds of these little men are determined to smear the man, living or dead, who dared to stand up for the Government he headed and the Constitution which governs it.

A 16-page article in "American Opinion," a John Birch Society publication, calls the late President a Communist, a man who did much for the Communist conspiracy to effectively capture the United States, and a man who won the Presidential election by "peddling boob bait for the suckers."

Robert H.W. Welch, Jr., founder of the Birch Society and editor of the magazine, "American Opinion," praised the article as "superb commentary" in his editor's notes.

The author of the article is Prof. Revilio P. Oliver, of the Classics Department of the University of Illinois. Not one of his statements was documented, but no doubt there will be some people misled into giving them credence.

For instance, Prof. Oliver suggested the assassination of John F. Kennedy "may have been necessary as the only means of avoiding, or even long deferring, national scandals so flagrant as to shock the whole of our brain-washed and hypnotized population back to sanity."

The article by Oliver said President Kennedy supported a "fake invasion" of Cuba designed to strengthen the Communist regime there, and then collaborated with the Kremlin on a "phony embargo" on Cuba as a cover for transfer of Russian troops and weapons to the island.

These statements of Revilio P. Oliver are so blasphemously false that no attention should be paid to them. Not one word of proof or confirmation of a single one of them was presented. All are the opinion of a degenerate mind, a depraved person, who has lost all reason.

But none can stoop so low that the John Birch Society will not claim them as their own, praise their distorted and maniacal fantasies and hates as the absolute Gospel truth. The Society, through its national magazine, attempts to dignify senseless blatherings of a distorted mind by publishing and praising them as "superb."

Revilio P. Oliver, 54 years old,

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# Birchers Condemned in State Legislature

Sharp criticism of the John Birch Society in particular and of rightist groups in general was voiced yesterday in the Arizona House and Senate.

The attack was set off by newspaper reports on an article in a Birch Society publication, American Opinion, written by Revilo P. Oliver, a University of Illinois professor.

News accounts reported Oliver wrote that President John Kennedy was assassinated "because he was planning to turn American" or that Fidel Castro arranged his death, or that he was killed to avoid or cover up national scandals.

Sen. Hilliard T. Brooke, D-Maricopa, said the publication "accuses our late, lamented President John F. Kennedy of being a dedicated Communist and of being assassinated because of being late on his timetable in deliv-

ering America to the Communists.

"These remarks are low, despicable and beyond belief. Character assassination seems to be the guiding principle of these people," Brooke said, adding:

"John F. Kennedy, cut down in his prime, will go down in history as one of our great presidents. . . That he should be maligned by this super-patriot group of people engaged in double talk and character assassination is typical of the type of minds these people have, and public notice should be taken of it."

On the House side, the society article was pulled into a debate on a number of subjects, including a memorial regarding Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.

Rep. Pat Vipperman, D-Maricopa, was condemning a bill to bar Communists from speaking on state university facilities which later was turned down, 7-4, by a House committee. He said it was a veiled proposal to shut down

Channel 8, the Arizona State University educational TV station.

Then he turned to the American Opinion article, saying it linked Kennedy to communism with distortions and half-truths.

"I'm very much irritated and completely sick that the people of this legislature are being pressured to pass restrictive legislation," Vipperman said. He said pressure

was coming from "kooks and idiots" and "99 per cent Americans."

Rep. David Hawkins, R-Pima, defended the bill to bar Communist from the campus, listing four persons who have spoken or will speak via campus facilities.

Since one was a Negro, two Negro members of the House rose to speak about the matter. Rep. J. D. Holmes, D-Maricopa, defended the man referred to as a patriotic American.

Rep. Clovis C. Campbell, D-Maricopa, said the Communists have absolutely failed to infiltrate the American Negro movement, but complained the rightists still say civil rights actions are Communist inspired.

"I'm sick and tired of these nutty anti-Communist groups," Campbell said.

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# Birch Magazine Story Raps JFK

NEW YORK (UPI) -- An article in a John Birch Society publication yesterday attacked the late President Kennedy and said he may have been assassinated because he was falling behind in the Communist timetable for the takeover of the United States.

The late President, according to the article in the current issue of the monthly publication American Opinion, did much for the Communist conspiracy but "was rapidly becoming a political liability."

The article said "some competent observers" had concluded that the Communists had set 1963 as the date for the "effective capture of the United States" and Kennedy had fallen behind.

The article, written by Prof. Revilo P. Oliver, of the classics department at the University of Illinois, suggested that the assassination was arranged "by the Communist conspiracy" to prepare for "a domestic takeover" which was frustrated by the capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin.

Oliver also advanced two alternatives "explanations" of the assassination: That Kennedy was executed by the Communists "because he was planning to run American"; and that the assassination was arranged by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as the result of a rift within "The Communist conspiracy."

He also suggested that "the assassination of Kennedy may

have been necessary as the only means of avoiding, or even long deferring, national scandals so flagrant as to shock the whole of our brainwashed and hypnotized populace back to sanity."

Oliver said there was "not a single indication" that the assassination was not planned and carried out by "the Communist conspiracy." He ridiculed the view, held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that Oswald was acting alone when he shot the President.

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# Solon Lashes 'Nut' Birchers

Rep. Cloves C. Campbell (D-Maricopa) left no doubt that he was referring to members of the John Birch Society yesterday during an emotion-packed House speech. Campbell shouted to his fel-

low solons "If you want my support on any bill, get rid of those so-called enemies of Communism."

Campbell's heated words were prompted by an argument over a bill that would prohibit known Communists from speaking at Arizona colleges and universities.

The argument was started by Rep. W.F. (Pat) Vipperman (D-Maricopa) who said the bill is really designed to take television Channel 8 off the air. - Channel 8 is an educational channel operated by Arizona State University.

Vipperman said the bill is tied in with the Birch groups and he used such adjectives as "nuts, kooks," and "idiots," when he described them.

He accused House members of "hustling around" to keep from voting on the bill. Then, directing his remarks at Rep. Douglas S. Holsclaw (R-Pima) chairman of the House Public Institutions Committee, Vipperman said:

"Bring that bill out and give us a chance to vote on it."

Campbell took up the cry against the far-rightists and said he was "tired of those nut John Birchers exploiting Communism."

Vipperman said later the bill, House Bill 91, would keep away educational programs.

He referred to a United Press International story printed in yesterday's JOURNAL which quoted a Birch writer as saying former President John Kennedy was slain because he dragged his feet in the Communist scheme to take over the United States."

Said Vipperman: "They (Birchers) are a bunch of dopes and idiots who represent a bigger threat than the Communists."

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## ***New Birch Approach***

Shortly after the spotlight of publicity was turned on the secret John Birch Society some years ago, a joke began to circulate that the society was in trouble getting organized in some areas because there weren't enough Communists to go around. The burden of the story was that its members were looking for methods to import communists to these areas so that they could be exposed.

The story was facetious as we have said. But it was brought to mind again last week in reading reports on the latest visit to Phoenix by Reed Benson, Utah coordinator for the society and a regular visitor to our state in its behalf.

Benson was quoted as saying that the "real tragedy" in this country is that so many "educators and prominent men" have been duped into aiding communism.

"They have given aid and comfort to the enemy," he said and explained that this is treason.

The statement was revealing to us. We had thought that having run out of known reds to expose, they had settled for such suspect citizens as Dwight Eisenhower and Earl Warren. But charges against such publicly accepted people as these have, as the society has found, certain drawbacks. The public doesn't like it.

So now we have a new approach. Names are no longer named. Broad generalities are safer. Besides, if you do it this way, anyone who disagrees with you can be accused of treason — or whatever the current accusation happens to be.

Not only that but it accomplishes the same end as importing actual communists — and it is cheaper.

There was something else in the reports of the Benson speech that is typical of the extreme rightists. This was the statement that friends of the free world behind the iron curtain hesitate to declare themselves because they are not sure which side the government of the United States is on.

We are unable to determine how Mr. Benson can know of these friends if they have not declared themselves. But we do know that the Birchers distrust the government of the United States whether it is headed by Eisenhower, Kennedy or Johnson. Even Sen. Barry Goldwater is on record as saying he is more afraid of Washington than of Moscow.

The ultra-right wingers are clearly dedicated to changing that government although they have never, to our satisfaction, made clear just what the substitute would be.

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In all these proposals and programs, Robert Welch designates himself as the only effective leader of a society that will ultimately rule the country.

"It is not that you would choose me, or that I would even choose me, against other possibilities," says Mr. Welch. "It is simply that under the pressure of time and exigencies of our need you have no other choice, and neither do I."

If this sick man gets enough sick followers, your country is in real danger. Remember Adolph Hitler, the funny little paperhanger of Germany?

Welch has besmirched the name of John Birch; he will use the John Birch Society to destroy our Constitution, our Congress, our Courts, and our Nation — unless Americans wake up to his dangerous threat.

## Besmirching a Once Honorable Name

John Birch died several years before the founding of the John Birch Society. He was an American and a Baptist missionary in China. He was killed by Chinese Communists. He was a martyr for Christianity. His was an honorable name when he died.

Robert Welch, an unsuccessful political aspirant in Massachusetts but a successful business man, wrote a book about the Baptist missionary, and then decided to form an organization which he would call the John Birch Society.

On Dec. 9, 1958, Welch called a meeting of 11 men in Indianapolis, and it was at this meeting the John Birch Society was formed. (The 11 men are not named in the "Blue Book," and their names are unknown to all but those at the meeting.)

Robert Welch is undisputed head of the John Birch Society. A Communist is anyone he wants to call a Communist, among them Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, General George Marshall, and Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Robert Welch has no faith in a representative form of government. He says, "The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body." And he might add, "with me as its head."

In his book, "The Politician," Welch accused many loyal Americans of being Communists, and charged that the Congress, the Executive branch and the Pentagon itself are in the control of the Communists. He wrote:

"This door to betrayal is known to be wide open; and nobody — in Congress, in the Executive branch, in the Pentagon itself — nobody even dared to close it. Those who want it kept open are too completely in charge. And this is just one more indication of how powerful the Communist influence has now become in almost all of our Federal Agencies." (p.285)

But the primer of the Birch Society is "The Blue Book," copies of which are hard to find.

A radio station owner and operator told us recently: "I am reading the 'Blue Book' because 40 years ago I missed 'Mein Kampf' and I don't want to make the same mistake again."

The Arizona Journal charges that the John Birch Society is not designed to save America, but to wreck it. And the plan is all written out in "The Blue Book" by Robert Welch in the 10 steps he proposes:

Establish reading rooms (which has been done in Phoenix); circulate conservative periodicals such as American Opinion, published by Robert Welch, National Review, Dan Smoot Reports and Human Events; urge radio stations to use Fulton Lewis, Clarence Manion and others; organize an effective letter-writing weapon; organize fronts — "little fronts, big fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts"; start SHOCKING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, as Revilio P. Oliver did this week at the University of Illinois; send observers to lectures "and have observers confound the speakers"; organize a lecture bureau made up of prominent people; extend Birchism into other countries; "put our weight into the political scales in this country as fast and as far as we could."

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## STUDENTS PLAN BIRCH LIBRARY PICKET

# JFK Smearing Protested

Angered at slanderous attacks by the John Birch Society against the late President John F. Kennedy and others this week, a student picket line will voice silent protest all day today in front of American Opinion Library, 1812 W. Camelback, distributors of Birch literature. "The emotion we feel right now, is fear," said a spokesman for the student group.

Representatives of the group, composed of students from Arizona State University and Phoenix College, told the JOURNAL yesterday that their indignation would be shown in a peaceful, orderly and completely silent demonstration

starting at 8 a.m.

A student-composed paper, labeled "In Protest," outlines their reasons for picketing, as quoted below.

"We are picketing the American Opinion Library as a student protest against the attitudes and actions of the John Birch Society. "They readily and openly participate in character assassination of such honorable men as Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, George C. Marshall, Earl Warren, and the late John F. Kennedy.

"We especially protest the totally irrational, unsubstantiated, and uncalled-for attack on our late President Kennedy; an attack which appeared in the John Birch Society's

American Opinion Magazine and in essence called him a Communist agent.

"Our only goal other than protest is to focus attention on the Society in an effort to expose it to the citizens of this community.

"We recognize a citizen's right to express his opinion and do not advocate suppression of opinion; but we also recognize a citizen's right to protest peacefully and are therefore exercising that right.

"We hold the position that the John Birch Society and other extremist groups do not operate in the best interest of the United States of America. We question the motives of a semi-secret organization

operating in an open, democratic society, and consider their methods as less than honorable."

The pickets will carry standards explaining their stand, and picket monitors will be on hand to issue their "In Protest" statement to questioners.

A meeting was held last night as the group of college students made last plans for the picket line. They said it was their intention to inform police of their proposed activity.

"We would like the Birchers to present proof of their accusations," they said, "and if they continue without such proof, at least the public will know their statements have no basis."

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2/11/64, Mrs. CHARLOTTE C. SMITH, 117 West Oregon Street, Phoenix, Arizona came into Headquarters Office and advised that she was the manager and owner of two barbecue eating places known as Chick-N-Ribs, one of which is located at 5017 North Central Avenue, and the other at 3115 North 3rd Avenue.

She advised that the reason she came into the Phoenix office was to report the above individual AL EVERY as possibly being a member of the John Birch Society.

She stated she first met him on 9/5/63 in a bar at the Arizona Manor in Phoenix, Arizona. She stated at that time he engaged in a conversation with her and told her he was the manager of the Red Garter Cocktail Lounge, located in Apache Junction, Arizona.

She stated that on a number of occasions thereafter she met him at different places; that he became insistent upon dating her. She said on several occasions he did come to her two places of business and did assist her in the operation of same. She stated that from her observations of him at these establishments, she determined that he had experience in the past in restaurant work.

She stated that on or about November, 1963, she received a long distance phone call from him from New Orleans after President KENNEDY had been assassinated. She stated during this conversation he told her in substance that it was his understanding that members of the John Birch Society were being unjustly accused as possibly being connected

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with the assassination of President KENNEDY.

She stated that prior to this time on several occasions he had told her that he had attended meetings wherein people had made speeches on the John Birch Society, and that on a number of occasions he told her that he was very much in sympathy with the beliefs of this organization.

She stated that it was true that eventually he did con her into loaning him \$500.00; that she gave him a check for the same which check was dated 12/10/63. On the back of the check in addition to his signature appeared the endorsement of one DICK KITTLE. She stated to date she has not received any money back on this loan to him.

She also advised that on one occasion he told her that he was intending to operate some gambling devices in his establishment; that however as of that time he did not have sufficient money with which to purchase this gambling equipment. He volunteered to her as late as approximately two weeks ago that the gambling equipment he was intending to purchase was located in the back of the Kittle Cabinet Shop located at 611 East Indian School Road. She stated that when she told him she did not believe it he actually took her out to this place and in the back end thereof she did observe a number of gambling devices including a roulette wheel and tops to tables of various gambling devices all which devices were not assembled, but simply appeared to be in storage in the back of this cabinet shop.

She stated that at no time did he ever admit to her that he actually had used these devices in gambling in Phoenix or Arizona.

She described him as WMA, age 39 or 40, 5'11", 220 pounds, dark hair, heavy build, inclined to be paunchy.

## Robt. Welch Rejects Sen. Goldwater

It is apparent that Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, thinks that only he is capable of running and ruling the United States.

Much has been heard of how highly Welch regards Sen. Barry Goldwater, and the record shows that Welch spoke well of Goldwater in 1958. First, he selected the Senator as the saviour of the United States. And he then rejected him, leaving only Robert Welch as the nominal leader and ruler.

In his chapter on "Under Positive Leadership," Welch wrote:

"BARRY GOLDWATER has political know-how and the painstaking genius to use that know-how with regard to infinite details. He is a superb political organizer, and inspires deep and lasting loyalty. He is absolutely sound in his Americanism, has the political and moral courage to stand by his Americanist principles, and in my opinion can be trusted to stand by them until hell freezes over. I'd love to see him President of the United States, and maybe some day we shall. But does anybody in this room think there is any slightest chance of BARRY GOLDWATER supplying the dynamic overall leadership needed to save this country for anybody to be President of? If so, I think he is still not fully aware of the nature and totality of the forces at work. For GOLDWATER, by the very circumstances of his political success, present prestige, and the expectations of his supporters, will inevitably think and move in terms of political warfare. Even if he personally should reach the point and the understanding of wanting to consider political action as just a part, no matter how important, of much broader overall action, how much chance do you think there is that his friends and supporters would let him step out of the strictly political role in which he has been so successful? How much chance is there that they would let him build and utilize forceful leadership on all of the other fronts where we must fight the Communists? How many of the steps which we discussed yesterday afternoon, and which I am sure must be taken if we are to have any chance at all, do you think you could count on BARRY GOLDWATER's leadership to bring about, no matter how much he was beseeched, and no matter how much he himself came to feel inclined, to do so?"

In yesterday's Journal there was

a Bill Mauldin cartoon showing Sen. Goldwater leaning against a birch tree, labeled "Birch Society." Mauldin asked, "Is he leaning on it or holding it up?"

We think the Senator should read what Mr. Welch has written about him, and what he thinks of the Senator as a President or national leader; also, Mr. Goldwater should take another look at the Mauldin cartoon.

Since Barry Goldwater refuses to disavow the John Birch Society, he may be said to be leaning on it for support in his campaign for President of the United States. On the other hand, by his left-handed endorsement of Robert Welch and Birch Society, Goldwater is supporting it, or holding it up as Mauldin pointed out.

As we see it, Robert Welch will use Barry Goldwater as long as he feels Barry is of any use to him. But once Robert Welch becomes the dictator, as he plans to become, then Mr. Goldwater will be of no more value and can be dismissed summarily.

Although most of his writings are difficult to find these days, especially those "Mein Kampf" plans he wrote early, it is time the American people awoke and started reading all of them they can find.

Robert Welch has his master plan all written out. Worse yet, he is following it. When the U.S. Constitution is weakened and eliminated, when the Supreme Court no longer exists, and the Nation is so weakened and its people divided that it cannot fight back, Robert Welch plans to move in.

He has so stated!

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## STATEMENT

# Freedom House Gives John Birch Views

by the Board of Directors of Freedom House

Freedom House and its officers wish to state their beliefs in regard to the John Birch Society without participating in the flame-fanning which often is a by-product of this type of statement. Given time, many who have joined the Society will recognize that they have been attracted to it by a false appeal. Certainly they will not condone the ridiculous charges leveled by their leaders against General Eisenhower, Chief Justice Warren, and other distinguished Americans.

Freedom House does not believe that the John Birch Society is fighting Communism or that it is in any sense conservative. Those who join the Society should be under no such delusions. They are serving the cause of destruction and chaos, which is a requisite for a successful Communist advance.

First, the John Birch Society is not fighting Communism because no Communist operative was ever apprehended or diverted by its methods. Communist subversives do not leave trails for the telephone threatener, the student informer, the boy-cotter, or any of the other sneak warriors of Birchism. Catching Communist spies is a job for professionals; casting suspicion on the FBI and the CIA only makes the job harder and gives Communists a better chance to do their work.

Second, the John Birch Society is not fighting Communism because such tools as doubt, suspicion, and prejudice employed by the Society are also standard Communist weapons. These tactics are written into every agitator's manual that comes out of Moscow. Every one of the score of countries taken over by the Communists was first prepared by the injection of these community poisons. Every country now marked for takeover is being similarly prepared.

Third, the John Birch Society's targets are the most imaginative and effective of

the Free World's defenses against the Communist threat: the Marshall Plan, the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Consider these targets and the fulminations of Communists from Stalin to Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung against the same targets. Who is allied with whom?

Fourth, the John Birch Society is not conservative; it is not even reactionary. Its declaration of war upon "the greatest enemy of man (which) is government" is a call to anarchy. Disguised in that call is the threat of new tyranny and oppression. Note some of its domestic targets: civil rights, collective bargaining, the social gospel of religion. Then ask whether the John Birch Society does not seek to destroy those same human rights which are suppressed in every nation under Communist rule.

Fifth, the John Birch Society is neither "Left" nor "Right" but of that perfect circle where both sides join and merge completely in extremism for its own sake. When the Left and the Right forsake ethics and morals for "goals," means for ends, moderation for violence, they lose their separate meanings. A social order built by false witness, fear and hatred can never be anything but a world of falsity, fear and hatred. This is why the American people have in the past rejected the Know-Nothings, the Ku Klux Klanners, the Black Legion vigilantes, the Coughlinites and the McCarthyites, as well as the Communists.

Freedom House does not dispute the Birchers' right to drape themselves in garments of their own styling, nor their right to proselytize and recruit among the well and not-so-well intentioned. As another Chief Justice once remarked, it is "the God-given right of the people to make damned fools of themselves." But the truth must be offered up alongside the falsehoods in the market place of ideas.

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## Following the John Birch Line

"Join your local PTA at the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over."

So ordered Robert Welch, founder and dictator of the John Birch Society, a few years ago.

And there is some evidence right here in Phoenix that the Birch followers are attempting to do just that. Many PTA members feel that the Birchers are either going to "rule or ruin" the organization, and they are unhappy about it.

There is need for Birchers and other rightists to get into the PTA, it is claimed, because there are so many "leftists" infiltrated into the group. But the real intent of Robert Welch must not be overlooked. If parents and teachers will but read what Welch has written, they will have little doubt of what his ultimate goal is.

He has told the members that this society would operate under complete, authoritative control at all levels. Describing himself as a hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss, Welch said that the "men who join the society are going to do so because they believe in me and are willing to accept my leadership . . . Whenever differences of opinion become translated into a lack of loyal support, we shall have shortcuts for elimin-

ating both without going through any congress of so-called democratic processes."

Welch adds, "Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and perennial fraud."

Such words as these led Attorney General Stanley Mosk of California to observe that "from the nature of this organization (the Birch Society), as reported to me and as indicated by the press, I would consider it to be clearly subversive in nature."

Both parents and teachers must delve into the basic philosophy behind Robert Welch and his John Birch Society. Waving the flag and hollering "Communist" are mere devices for what we consider this mad man's real desire, which is to destroy the Constitution, do away with the Supreme Court, and eventually turn this Nation over to a dictator, and Robert Welch apparently has appointed himself the new ruler if his revolution is successful.

By dominating the Parent-Teachers Association units all over the Nation, the public schools will be under Robert Welch's control, and his disciples will do as he tells them. First, the PTA, then the schools, and then the press and information media.

What hope then for any American's freedom?

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# Pegler, Welch Part Company

New York Times Service

TUCSON — Westbrook Pegler, a 50-year journeyman in the practice of invectives, has again lost a publisher.

When Robert H.W. Welch Jr., the founder of the John Birch Society, rejected his latest manuscript, Pegler dropped his association with American Opinion, the Birch Society's magazine.

"For some reason, he (Welch) killed my article," Pegler said. "I had enough of that with Hearst. I don't have to take any more."

His decision leaves Pegler nearing the age of 70, without a regular forum for his indictments of the world and its leaders.

He lives quietly with his second wife, Maude, in a home north of Tucson.

Pegler's association with the Birch Society's magazine began in 1962, after King Features, a Hearst-owned syndicate, bought off his contract and dropped his column.

When Mrs. Roosevelt died, Pegler wrote a lengthy funeral oration and submitted it to a newspaper in Richmond, and to the Hoiles chain based in California. Both publishers rejected the article. So Pegler sold it to American Opinion. The article led to about 20 more for the magazine.

While he was writing for Welch, Pegler was not asked to join the John Birch Society. For his own part he found Welch "a crashing damn bore, both in person and in his writing."

The last piece Pegler wrote began with an attack on Chief Justice Earl Warren, contending he implicated the right wing immediately after President Kennedy's assassination.

Without explanation from Belmont, Mass., where American Opinion is published, the article did not appear.

With his withdrawal from that monthly pressure, Pegler is planning to write a book cataloguing his aversions. He speaks of the project as though it were still dim and far into his future.

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# Democrats Told Of Birch Aims

The John Birch Society is no more secret than the Daughters of the American Revolution or the American Civil Liberties Union, a society volunteer leader told the Phoenix Young Democrats Club.

Robert McCarthy, 6020 N. 21st Ave., was introduced by Gerald PoHack, Young Democrats president, with the comment that "we want to hear the Birch Society's opinions because the test of a true liberal is his willingness to hear all points of view," when he spoke last night at Hotel Adams.

A QUESTION and answer period followed the talk by McCarthy and his showing of a 27-minute film featuring Birch Society president, Robert Welch.

McCarthy traced the society's formation on Dec. 9, 1958 in Indianapolis to its present growth "where we have the leadership of several hundred influential businessmen in our country."

The left wing and liberal press, he said, resorted to shouts of "Secret Society" to cover their ignorance of our goals and views. In the past year, he added, only one issue of the Communist Daily Worker has been without some smear or savage attack on the society.

THE SOCIETY operates largely through local chapters of 10 to 20 members each, he said. "Our publications and Blue Book are available to anyone."

The society's purpose, he said, is to strive to pull America away from "the deepening forces of collectivism, to restore our American heritage of less government; to stress government by laws, not men; to strive for a better world, and to combat more effectively the evil forces threatening our country."

"We are determined to do everything honorable to save this country of ours," said McCarthy. "Yes, we are bold and defiant as possible without breaking the law, because we feel that 'Nice Nellyism' won't stem Communist advances."

McCARTHY added that the society makes no bones about its belief that democracy is a perpetual fraud. "We have a republic in this country and it should be preserved. Democracy is a rule of men, and history shows it has failed. A republic is a rule of law, and is sound. The majority of democracies have fallen over fiscal policies adopted by weak leaders who catered to the demands of the mob." The rule of men gives rise to the decisions of men, not law, he said. School integration was such a decision, he added.

In the question and answer period, members of the audience criticized "the Birch Society's belief it is the only group entitled to set standards of patriotism." Another questioner wanted to know, "Who makes the laws in the Birch concept of government." McCarthy replied that "the sovereign states do." He said the society does not force its standards or beliefs on anyone.

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## Bircher Says U.S. Should Cut Red Ties

A LEADER of the John Birch Society yesterday urged the United States to break diplomatic relations with all Communist countries.

Dr. Slobodan M. Draskovich said such a move would not increase chances of war.

Instead, he said, U.S. isolation of the Soviet Union, Red China, and the satellite Communist nations of Europe and Asia would result in the destruction of communism.

DRASKOVICH, a member of the national council of the Birch society, presented his views at a press conference at the Phoenix Press Club in Hotel Westward Ho. Later, he spoke at a Birch-sponsored meeting at Hotel Adams.

"Can America win?" he asked.

Not, he concluded, until present State Department policies are revised. Such revision, he added, could be possible if a man with views similar to those of Barry Goldwater were elected president.

"IF GOLDWATER is elected," Draskovich predicted, "there will be changes.

"I'm very sure that a man like Goldwater would not be swayed by the voices of men like Lippmann, Reston, Alsop, and all the rest," he said. "Goldwater would have about 30 or 50 men around him who could be trusted."

Draskovich said he personally favors Goldwater for president over front-running Republican candidates. The sentiment, he pointed out, is not necessarily shared by the Birch society, which makes no official endorsement.

"COMMUNIST countries exist, Draskovich contended, because they are supported by the United States and its allies. If this support were withdrawn, the Communists could not survive.

"And there is nothing in a rational analysis of facts," he continued, "to confirm that a complete and final diplomatic break would increase chances of war."

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CORE

On 10/1/64, PETER G. LOMBARDO, Coordinator, John Birch Society, 4521 N. 19th Place, Phoenix, Arizona, personally called at the Phoenix office and advised as follows:

On Monday night, 9/28/64, he was attending a meeting of the John Birch Society at Tucson, Arizona, at which time he met a visitor. This visitor's name was IAN STEVENS, who is a student at U. of A., and resides at Polo Village, 57-A, Student Housing, telephone 326-8625, and whose wife is a school teacher.

STEVENS told LOMBARDO that he helped organize CORE in Tucson, and engaged in picketing at Phoenix. He said that he has become disillusioned with CORE because of the type of people they are getting in the organization, and because of literature they are receiving from the Dubois Society, urging members of CORE to join this organization.

STEVENS said he plans to attend a meeting of CORE at Tucson on Friday night, 10/2/64, and intends to resign from CORE unless he could be useful by remaining a member. He told LOMBARDO that he would be very willing to discuss what he knows about CORE and the above facts with the FBI.

It is suggested that STEVENS be interviewed for the purpose of determining if he has information of value, and to determine if he might have a potential as a racial informant.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 10/27/64

FROM : SA ROY W. REGER

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/27/64, an individual who identified himself as JOHN HEINZ, and stated he is a very much decorated ex-Marine from Albuquerque, New Mexico, telephoned the Phoenix Office and advised as follows:

He said that he is in Phoenix to marry a woman who has a 21 year old son by the name of JOHN PURCELL, who is employed by the Salt River Project.

He advised that he and his fiancée are very much concerned because PURCELL is active in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, and that he considers this Society to be communistic. He said that PURCELL recently informed him that he had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY where the persons present took down the American flag and stomped on it.

HEINZ requested information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and was informed of the confidential nature of the Bureau's files. He was further advised that this matter would be made a matter of record with the FBI.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

DATE: 10/26/64

FROM : J. JAMES ROWAN, ASAC

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to record that on 10/26/64, BILL ROARK, Principal, Elementary School, Buckeye, Arizona, called. He was calling in reference to an advertisement appearing in the Arizona Republic newspaper for 10/25/64, concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He said that he had received several calls on the advertisement, including some from members of his own staff. He was interested in seeking information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, in order to respond to the requests.

It was tactfully pointed out to him that this Bureau could not comment upon any organization, individual, or publication and it was suggested to him that he may wish to correspond with the Attorney General of the United States.

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